¶ Statutes

made in the Parliament be-gon at Westminster the fourthe date of Nouember, in the firste yere of the reigne of our moste dread louereigne lord EDVVARD the.VI. By the grace GOD, kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendor of the faithe, and of the Churche of Englande, and also of Ireland, in yerth the supreme hed: and from thence continued to the xviij. date of Decèber, then next insuyng, that is to sate, in the firste Session of thesame Parliament, as followeth.

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¶The first Chapiter.

THE kynges moste excellent Maiestie, myndyng the gouernaunce and ordre of his moste louyng subiectes, to be in moste perfect vnitee and concorde, in all thynges, and in especiall, in the true faithe and Religion of God, and wishyng the same to be brought to passe, with all clemencie and mercie, on his highnes part towardes them, as his moste princely serenitee and maiestie, hath alredy declared by euident proofe, to thintent that his moste louyng subiectes, prouoked by clemencie and goodnesse of their Prince and Kyng, shall study rather for loue, then for feare, to do their duties, first to almightie God, and then to his highnes and the common wealth, nourishyng concord and loue emong themselfes: yet considereth and perceiueth, that in a multitude, all be not on that sort, that reason and the knowlege of their duties, can moue them from offence, but many, which had nede haue some bridle of feare, and that the same be men moste contencious and arrogant, for the moste part, or els moste blynd and ignorannt: by the meanes of whiche sort of men, many thynges well and godly instituted, and to thedificacion of many, be peruerted and abused, and turned to their awne and others greate losse and hynderaunce, and sometyme to extreme destruccion: the whiche doth appere in nothyng more or soner, then in matters of Religion, and in the great and high misteries thereof, as in the most comfortable Sacramēt of the body and bloud of our sauior Jesu Christe, commonly called the Sacrament of the Aultar, and in scripture, the ‡Supper and *Table of the Lorde, the ‡Communion and* partakyng of the body and bloud of Christ: whiche Sacramēt was instituted of no lesse aucthor, then of our sauior, bothe God and man, when at his last supper, emongest his Apostles, he did take the bread into his holy handes, and did saie: ‡*Take you and eate, this is my body, whiche is* *geuen and ‡broken for you.* And takyng vp the* chalice or Cup, did ‡geue thankes and saie: *This is my bloud of the newe testament, whiche is ſhed for* you and for ‡many, for the* remiſsion of ſynnes,* that ‡ whensoeuer wee should do thesame, we should do it in the remembraunce of hym, and to declare and set furth his death and moste glorious passiō, vntill his comming. Of the whiche* bread, whosoeuer eateth, or of the whiche cuppe, whosoeuer drinketh vnworthely, eateth and drinketh condempnacion and iudgement to hymself, makyng no differēce of the lordes body. The institucion of whiche Sacrament, beeyng ordeined by Christe, as is before said, and thesaid wordes spoken of it here before reherſed, beyng of eternall, infallible, and vndoubted truthe: yet thesaied Sacrament (all this notwithstandyng) hath been of late, merueilously abused, by suche ma-

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ner of men, before reherſed, who of wickednes, or els of ignorannce, and want of learnyng, for certain abuſes, heretofore commytted of ſome, in miſuſyng therof, haue condempned in their hartes and ſpethe, the whole thyng, and contempteouſly depraued, deſpiſed, or reuiled thesame moſte holy and bleſſed Sacrament, and not onely diſputed and reaſoned vnreuerently and vngodly of that moſte high miſtery, but alſo in their ſermons, preachynges, readynges, lectures, communycacions, argumentes, talkes, rymes, ſonges, playes, or geſtes, name or call it, by ſuche vile and vnſemely wordes, as chriſtien eares do abhorre to heare reherſed: for reformacion whereof, be it enacted by the kynges highnes, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that what ſoeuer perſone or perſones, from, and after the firſte daie of Maie, nexte commyng, ſhall depraue, deſpiſe, or cõtempne, the ſaid moſte bleſſed Sacrament, in contempt thereof, by any contempteous woordes, or by any wordes of deprauyng, deſpiſyng, or reuilyng: or what perſone or perſones, ſhall aduiſedly, in any otherwiſe cõtempne, deſpiſe, or reuile the ſaid moſte bleſſed Sacrament, contrary to the effectes and declaracion aboue ſaid, that then he or thei, ſhall ſuffre impriſonment, of his or their bodies and make fine and raunſome, at the kynges will and pleaſure.

And for full and effectuall execucion, of the premiſſes before diuiſed, ordeined and enacted, by this acte: be it furthermore enacted, by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that immediatly after the firſt daie of Maie next commyng, the Juſtices of Peace, or three of them at the leaſt, whereof one of them to be of the Quorum, in euery ſhire of this realme, and Wales, and all other places, within the kynges Dominions, ſhall haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this act, aſwell to take informacion and accuſacion, by thothes and depoſicions, of twoo able, honeſt and lefull perſones at the leaſt, and after ſuche accuſacion, or informacion ſo had, to inquire by the othes of xij. men, in euery their iij. quarter Seſſions, yerely to be holden, of all and ſynguler ſuche accuſacions or informacions, to be had or made, of any of the offences aboueſaied, to be committed or doen, after theſaied firſt daie of Maie, within the limites of their commiſſion: and that vpon euery ſuch accuſacion and informacion, the offendor and offendors ſhalbe inquired of, and indicted, before theſaied Juſtices of Peace, or three of them at the leaſt, as is afore-ſaied, of theſaied contemptes and offences, by the verdicte of xij. honeſt and indifferent men, if the matter of theſaied accuſacion and informaciõ ſhall ſeme to theſaied Jury, good and true.

And it is alſo further enacted, by the auctoritee afore-ſaied, that theſaied Juſtices of Peace, or three of them at the leaſt, as is afore-ſaid, before whom any ſuche preſentment, informacion, and accuſacion ſhalbee made or taken, as is afore-ſaied, ſhall examine the accuſors, what other witneſſe were by, and preſent, at the tyme of the doyng and committyng

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of thoffence: whereof the informacion, accusacion, and presentment shalbe made, and how many others then the accusors, haue knowlege thereof: and shall haue power and auctholitee, by their discrecions, to bynde by recognisaunce, to bee taken before them, aswell thesaied accusors, as all suche other persones, whom thesame accusors shall declare to haue knowlege of the offentes, by them presented and informed, euery of them in fiue poundes to the kyng, to appere before thesaid Justices of Peace, before whom, the offendor or offendors, shalbe tried at the daie of triall, and deliuerance of suche offendors.

And it is further enacted, by the auctholitee aforesaied, that thesaied Justices of Peace, or three of them at the least, as is aforesaied, by vertue of this act, shall haue full power and auctholitee, to make proceese against euery persone and persones, so indicted, by twoo Capias and an exigent, and by Capias utlagat', aswell within the limites of their commission, as into all other Shires and places of this realme, Wales and other the kynges dominiõs, aswell within the liberties as without, and thesame proceese to be good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes, cõstructions and purposes: and vpon the apparaunce of any of the offendours, shall haue full power and auctholitee, by vertue of this act, and the commission of Peace, to determine the contemptes and offences aforesaid, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, and effectes of this act: and that thesaied Justices of Peace, or three of them at the least, as is abouesaid, shall haue full power and auctholitee, to let any suche persone or persones, so indicted, vpon sufficient sureties, by their discrecions, to baill for their apparaunce, to be tried accordyng to the tenor, forme, and effect of this act.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that thesaid Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, at their quarter Sessions, where any offendour or offendours shalbee, or stande indicted of any of the contemptes or offences abouesaied, shall directe and award, one writ in the kynges name, to the bishop of the Dioceese, wherein thesaied offence or offences, are supposed to bee committed or doen: willyng and requiryng thesaied Bishop, to bee in his awne persone, or by his Chauncellour, or other his sufficient deputie learned, at the quarter Sessions, in thesaied Countie to be holden, when, and where, thesaied offendour shalbe arraigned and tried, appoynctyng to them in thesaied writ, the daie and place of thesaid arraignement, whiche writ shalbe of this fourme: Rex. &c. Epõ. L. Salutem. Præcipimus tibi, quod tu, cancellarius tuus, uel alius deputatus tuus sufficien. eruditus, sitis cum Iustitiariis nostris ad pacem, in cõm nostro, B. conseruand. assignat. apud. D. tali die, ad sessionem nostram, ad tunc & ibm tenend. ad dand. consilium & aduisament. eisdem Iustitiariis nostris ad pacem, super arranament & deliberationem offendenc. contra formam statuti, concernen. sacrosanctũ Sacramentum altaris.

Prouided alwaie, and bee it enacted, by the auctholitee abouesaied,

that no perſone or perſones, ſhalbe indicted of any the contemptes or offences abouesaied, but onely of ſuche contemptes or offences, as ſhalbe doen, or perpetrated, within three monethes, next after theſaied offences, or offence, ſo committed or doen.

And bee it further enacted, by the aucthoritee aforeſaied, that in all trialles for any ſuche offendors, before theſaied Juſtices, as is aforeſaid the perſone or perſones, beyng complained on, and arreigned, ſhalbe admitted to purge or trie, his, or their innocencie, by as many, or mo witneſſes in nomber, and of as good honeſtie and credence, as the witneſſes be, whiche depoſed againſt hym, or them, or any of them.

And forasmuche, as it is more agreable, bothe to the firſt inſtitucion of theſaid Sacrament, of the moſte precious body and bloud, of our ſauior Jeſus Chriſt, and alſo more comformable to the common vſe and practiſe, bothe of the Apoſtles, and of the primatiue church, by the ſpace of fiue hundreth yeres and more, after Chriſtes aſcencion, that theſaied bleſſed Sacrament, ſhould be miniſtered to all Chriſtian people, vnder bothe the kyndes, of bread and wine, then vnder the forme of bread onely: and alſo it is more agreable, to the firſt inſtitucion of Chriſte, and to the vſage of the Apoſtles, and the primatiue Churche, that the people beyng preſent, ſhould receiue theſame with the prieſt, then that the prieſt ſhould receiue it alone: therefore, bee it enacted by our ſouereigne lorde the kyng, with the conſent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporall, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritee of theſame, that theſaied moſte bleſſed Sacrament, bee hereafter commonly deliuered, and miniſtered vnto the people, within this Churche of Englande and Irelande, and other the kynges dominions, vnder bothe the kyndes, that is to ſaie, of bread and wine, except neceſſitee otherwiſe require: and alſo, that the Prieſte, whiche ſhall miniſter theſame, ſhall, at the leaſt one daie before, exhort all perſones, whiche ſhalbe preſent, likewiſe to reſort, and prepare themſelfes, to receiue theſame. And when the daie prefixed commeth, after a godly exhortacion, by the miniſter made (wherein ſhalbe further expreſſed the benefite and comforte promiſed to them, whiche worthely receiue theſaied holy Sacrament, and daungier and indignacion of God, threatened to them, whiche ſhall preſume, to receiue theſame vnworthely, to the ende that euery man maie trie and examyne his awne conſcience, before he ſhall receiue theſame) theſaied miniſter ſhal not, without a lawfull cauſe denye theſame to any perſon, that will deuoutly and humbly deſire it: any lawe, ſtatute, ordinaunce, or cuſtome, contrary thereunto, in anywiſe notwithſtandyng: not condempnyng hereby, the vſage of any Churche, out of the kynges maieſties dominions.

¶ An act for the election of Biſhoppes, and what Seales and ſtile, they, and other ſpirituall perſones, exercyſyng iuriſdiccion Eccleſiaſticall, ſhall vſe.

¶ The.ij. Chapiter.

FOR asmuche, as the elections of the Archebishoppes and Bishoppes, by the Deanes and Chapiters, within the kynges Maiesties realmes of Englande and Irelande, at this present tyme, bee aswell to the long delaye, as to the greate coastes and charges of suche persones, as the kynges Maiestie geueth any Archebishoprziche or Bishoprziche vnto: and where as thesaied elections, bee in very deede, no elections, but onely by a writte of Conge desslier, haue colours, shadowes, or pretenses of elections, seruyng neuertheless to no purpose, and semyng also derogatory and preiudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royall, to whom, onely appertayneth the collacion and gift, of all Archebishoprziches, and Bishoprziches, and Suffragain Bishoppes, within his highnesse saied realmes of Englande, and Irelande, Wales, and other his dominions and Marches: For a due reformacion hereof, bee it therefore enacted by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that from henceforthe, no suche Conge desslier bee graunted, nor election of any Archebyshoppe, or Bishoppe, by the Deane and Chapiter made: But that the kyng maie, by his letters Patentes, at al tymes, when any Archebishoprziche, or Bishoprziche bee voyde, conferre thesame to any persone, whom the kyng shall thynke mete. The whiche collacion, so by the kynges letters Patentes made, and deliuered to the persone, to whom the kyng shall conferre thesame Archebishoprziche, or Bishoprziche, or to his sufficient Proctour and Attorney, shall stande to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, to asmuche, and thesame effecte, as though Conge desslier had been geuen, the election duely made, and thesame confirmed: and that, vpon that thesaied persone, to whom, thesaied Archebishoprziche, Bishoprziche, or Suffragainship is so conferred, collated, or geuen, maie bee consecrated, and sue his liuery, or ouster le mayne, and do other thynges, aswell, as if al thesaied Ceremonies and elections had been doen and made.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, by aucthoritee aforesaied, that euery suche persone, to whom, any collacion, or gift of any Archebishoprziche, Bishoprziche, or Suffragainship, shalbee geuen or collated, by the kyng, his heires, or successours, shall paie, do, and yeld, to all and euery persone, all suche fees, interestes, and dueties, as of old tyme haue been accustomed to be doen: any thyng in this act, or in any other, to the contrary hereof, in anywise notwithstandyng.

And where as the Archebishoppes and Bishoppes, and other spirituall persones in this realme, do vse to make and sende out their Sommons, Citacions, and other processe in their awne names, and in suche forme and maner, as was vsed in the tyme, of the vsurped power of the Bishop of Rome, contrary to the forme and order of the Sommons and

proceſſe of the common lawe, vſed in this realme: ſeyng that all auctho-
ritee of iuriſdiccion, ſpirituall and tempozall, is diriued and deducted
from the kynges Maieſtie, as ſupreme hed of theſe Churches and rea-
mes of Englande, and Irelande, and ſo iuſtly acknowleged, by the cler-
gie of theſaied realmes: and that all courtes Eccleſiaſticall, within the-
ſaied two realmes, bee kept by no other power, oz auctho3itee, either foz-
rein, oz within the realme, but by the auctho3itee of his moſte excellent
Maieſtie: Be it therefoze further enacted, by the auctho3itee afozeſaied,
that all Sommons and Citacions, oz other pozceſſe Eccleſiaſticall, in al
ſuites and cauſes of inſtaunce, betwixt partie and partie, and all cauſes
of cozreccion, and all cauſes of baſtardy, oz begamie, oz inquirie de iure
patronatus, pzobates of teſtamentes, and commiſſions of adminiſtraci-
on, of perſones deceaſſed, and all acquitaunces, of, and vpon accomptes
made by the executoz3, adminiſtratoz3, oz collectoz3 of gooddes, of any
dedde perſone, be, from the firſt daie of July next folowyng, made in the
name, and with the ſtile of the kyng, as it is in writtes oziginall, oz iudi-
ciall at the common lawe: and that the teſte thereof, be in the name of the
Archbiſhop, oz biſhop, oz other, haupng Eccleſiaſticall iuriſdiction, who
hath the commiſſion and graunt of the auctozitee Eccleſiaſticall, imme-
diatly from the kynges highnes, and that his commiſſary, Officiall, oz
ſubſtitute, exerciſyng iuriſdiccion vnder hym, ſhall put his name in the
Citacion, oz pzoceſſe after the teſte.

Furthermoze, be it enacted, by auctho3itee afozeſaied, that all maner
of perſone oz perſones, who hath the exerciſe of Eccleſiaſticall iuriſdicci-
on, ſhall haue, from the firſt date of July, befoze expzeſſed, in their ſeales
of office, the kynges highnes armes, decently ſett with certain carectes
vnder the armes, foz the knowlege of the Dioceſſe: and ſhall vſe no o-
ther ſeale of iuriſdiccion, but wherein his maieſties armes be engrauen,
vpon pein, that if any perſone ſhall vſe Eccleſiaſticall iuriſdiccion (after
the daie befoze expzeſſed) in this realme of Englande, Wales, and other
his dominions oz territoz3es, and not ſende, oz make out the Citacion oz
pzoceſſe in the kynges name, oz vſe any ſeale of iuriſdiccion, other then
befoze limitted: that euery ſuche offendour ſhal incurre, and runne in the
kynges maieſties diſpleaſure, and indignacion, and ſuffre impziſonmēt
at his highnes will and pleaſure.

Pzouided alwaies, that no moze, noz other fees, bee taken oz paied,
foz the Seale and writyng, of any Citacions, oz other pzoceſſe, then was
heretofoze accuſtomed.

Pzouided alſo, and bee it enacted, by the auctho3itee afozeſaied, that
the Archbiſhopp of Cantoz3bury, foz the tyme beyng, ſhall vſe his awne
ſeale, and in his awne name, in all faculties and diſpenſaciōs, accozdyng
to the tenoz of an acte thereof made: and that theſaied Archbiſhoppes
and Biſhoppes, ſhall make, admitte, oz3der, and refourme, their Chaun-
cellours, Officialles, Commiſſaries, Aduocates, Pzoctours, and other
their

their officers, ministers, and substitutes, and commissions to suffragain bishoppes, in their awne names, under their awne seales, in suche maner and forme, as thei haue heretofore vsed: and shall certify to the court of Tenthes, their certificates under their awne names and seales, as heretofore thei haue vsed, and according to the statute in that case made and prouided: and likewise shal make collations, presentations, giftes, institucions, and Inductions of benefices, letters of orders, or dimissories, under their awne names and seales, as thei haue heretofore accustomed: any thyng in this act conteined, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaied, that all processe hereafter to be made or awarded by any Ecclesiasticall persone, or persones, for the triall of any plea, or pleas, or matter dependyng, or that hereafter shall depend, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, at the common lawe, and limited by the lawes and customes of this realme, to the spirituall courtes, to trie thesame: that the certificate of thesame, after the triall thereof, shalbe made in the kynges name, for the tyme beyng, and with the stile of thesame kyng, and vnder the seale of the Bishop, graued with the kynges armes, with the name of the Bishop, or spirituall officer beyng to the teste of thesame processe and certificat, and to euery of them.

The.iij. Chapitet.

An acte for the punishyng of vagabondes, and for the relief of the poore and impotent persones.

FOrasmuche, as idlenes and vagabondry, is the mother and roote of all theftes, robberies, and all euill actes, and other mischifes, and the multitude of people geuen thereto, hath alwaies been here within this realme, very great, and more in nomber, (as it maie appere) then in other Regions, to the greate empouerishment of the realme, and daunger of the kynges highnes subiectes: the whiche idlenes and vagabondry, all the kynges highnesse noble progenitors, kynges of this realme, and this high courte of parliament, hath often and with greate trauaill, gone about, and assaid with godly actes and statutes, to represse: yet vntil this our time, it hath not had that successe, whiche hath been wished, but partly by foolishe pitie, and mercy of them, whiche should haue seen thesaid godly lawes executed, partly by the peruerse nature, and long accustomed idlenes of the persones, geuen to loyterynge, thesaied godly statutes, hetherto hath had small effecte, and idle and vagabonde persones, beeyng vnprofitable members, or rather enemies of the common wealthe, hath been suffered to remain and increase, and yet so doo: whom, if thei should be punished by death, whippyng, imprisonment, and with other corporall paine, it were not without their desertes, for the example of others, and to the benefite of the common wealthe: yet if thei could bee brought to bee made profitable, and doer seruice, it were muche to bee wished and desired:

Bee it therefore enacted, by the kynges highnes, with the consent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, first that all statutes, and actes of Parliament, heretofore made for the punishement of vagabondes and sturdy beggers, and all articles comprised in the same, shalbe from henceforthe repealed, voyde and of none effect.

Secondly, that whosoeuer after the firste daie of Aprill next folowyng, manne or woman, beyng not lame, impotent or so aged, or diseased with sickenes, that he or she cannot woorke, not hauyng landes or tenementes, fees annuitees, or any other yerely reuenues or profites, where on they maie finde sufficiently their liuyng, shall, either like a seruyng man wantyng a Master, or like a begger, or after any suche other sorte, bee lurkyng in any house, or houses, or loyteryng, or idely wander by the high waies side, or in stretes, in cities, tounes, or villages, not applyng themself to some honest, and allowed arte, science, seruice, or labour, and so do continue by the space of three daies, or more together, and not offer themselfes to labor, with any that will take thē, accordyng to their faculte: and if no man, otherwise will take them, do not offer themselfes to woorke for meate and drynke, or after they be so taken to woorke, for the space agreed betwixt them and their masters, do leaue their woorke, out of conuenient tyme, or runne awaie: that then euery suche persone, shalbe taken for a vagabonde, and that it shalbe lawfull to euery suche master, offryng suche idle persone, seruice and labor, and that beyng by him refused, or who hath agreed with suche idle persone, and from whom, within the space agreed of seruice, the said loyterer hath runne awaie, or departed before the ende of the couenaunt betwene them, and to any other persone espiyng the same, to bryng, or cause to bee brought the said persone so liuyng idely and loyteryngly, to two of the next Justices of the Peace, there resiaunt or abidyng, who hearyng the proffe, of the idle liuyng of the said persone, by the said space liuyng idely, as is afore said, approued to them by two honest witnesses, or confession of the partie, shall immediatly cause the said loyterer to bee marked, with an hote Iron in the breast, the marke of. V. and adiudge the said persone liuyng so idely, to suche present or, to bee his slaue: to haue and to holde, the said slaue to hym, his executors, or assignes, for the space of two yeres, then next folowyng, and to order the said slaue, as foloweth: that is to sate, to take suche persone, adiudged a slaue, with hym, and onely geuyng the said slaue, bread and water, or small drynke, and suche refuse of meate, as he shall thynke mete, cause the said slaue to woorke, by beatyng, cheinyng, or otherwise, in suche woorke and labor (how vile soeuer it be) as he shall put hym vnto. And if any maner of slaue, either for loytryng, or for the cause before rehersed, so adiudged, shall within the space of the said two yeres, here appoynted, runne awaie, departe, or absent hym from his said Master, by the space of. xiiij. daies together, without licence:

licence: It shall not onely bee lefull to his saied Master, to pursue, and fetche hym again, by vertue of this acte, but also to punische suche fault, by chaines, or beatyng, as is aforesaied: and against the detenor, if any man do wilyngly detein hym, knowyng hym to bee a slaue, as is aforesaied, to haue an accion of trespasse, and recouer thereby in dammages, ten poundes, besides the costes and charges of the suite, for so detemyng his said slaue. And further, euery suche Master, shewyng and prouyng by twoo sufficient witnesses, the saied offence and faulte, of his runnyng awaie, before twoo Justices of Peace, of the same Countee, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, the same Justices shall cause suche slaue or loyterer, to bee marked on the forehed, or the balle of the cheke, with an hoate Iron, with the signe of an S. that he maie be knowen for a loyterer and a runne awaie, and shall adiudge the loyterer and runne awaie, to be the saied Masters slaue for euer. And if suche slaue shall the seconde tyme runne awaie, or absent hymself, if the saied Master shall approue the same second runnyng awaie, with two sufficient witnesses, before the Justice of Peace, in their general and quarter sessions: then euery suche faulte and runnyng awaie, to bee adiudged Felony, and suche loyterer and runne awaie, to be taken as a Felon, and thereof beyng lawfully indicted, and attainted, or otherwise condempned, to suffre peines of death as other Felons ought to do.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted, by aucthoritee aforesaied, that no clerke conuict, shall hereafter make his purgacion, and vpon suche purgacion be deliuered, and set at large, otherwise then is in the statute hereafter expressed.

And be it further enacted, by aucthoritee aforesaid, that euery clerke conuicte, or hereafter to bee conuicted, whiche should, by the order of the lawe, enioye the benefite of their purgacion, shall, and maie from hencesurthe finde any man (if thei can) who shalbee bounde with twoo sufficient suretees, to the Ordinary, in the some of .xx.l. to the kynges highnes vse, to retein the saied conuict, as his slaue, and to kepe the saied persone, so conuict, for the space of one yere, then next folowyng, that he shall not go abrode, and at large: and then the saied conuicte shalbee deliuered to the saied persone, so takyng the same, and beyng bound, as is aforesaied, to bee his slaue, for one whole yere, then next folowyng, by vertue of this acte, in all suche maner and forme, and to all suche intentes and purposes, and with all suche order, lawes, condicions, and penalties, for runnyng awaie, or other, as is aforesaied of a vagabonde, taken loyteryng and made a slaue, (burnyng in the breast onely excepte:) and the Ordinary by the deliuery of the saied conuict, to suche persone beyng bounde, as aforesaied, to be of the keppyng of the saied conuict, clerely discharged, and exonerated, by vertue of this act.

And if so be, that the saied clerke so conuict, cannot finde any manne, to bee bound, as is aforesaied, to whom he maie bee adiudged a slaue, in

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the ſpace of one yere: then at any tyme, after thende of one yere, after his conuiccion, it ſhalbe lawfull for the ſaid clerke conuict, to make his purgacion, as he might before this eſtatute, any thyng in this preſent act to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

And where as clerkes conuicted or attainted, by the order of the lawes of this realme, cannot make their purgacion, and ſhould perpetually, by the ſame, remain in priſon: bee it neuertheleſſe enacted, by the aucthoritee aforeſaied, that if there be any maner of perſone, who will at any time, demaunde the ſame clerke conuicted or attainted, and be bound to the ordinary, with two ſufficient ſuretees, as is aboue written, to kepe the ſame as his ſlaue, by the ſpace of fiue yeres, then next folowyng, that then the ſame ſhalbe adiudged his ſlaue, for like ſpace, with all ſuche orders, lawes, and penaltees, for runyng awaie, and other orders, as is before expreſſed of a vagabond, adiudged to any man, for a ſlaue (the burnyng in the breaſt onely except) and vpon the adiudgement deliuered to ſuche demaundant, thordinary from thencefurth of the keppyng of ſuche clerke conuicted or attainted, clerely exonerated and diſchatged, by vertue of this acte.

And forasmuche, as diuerſe women and men, goth on beggyng waitaryng, of the whiche, ſome be impotent and lame, and ſome able inough to labor, whiche doo cary childzen aboute with theim, ſome foure or fiue yeres of age, or younger, or elder, whiche brought vp in idleneſſe, might be ſo rooted in it, that hardely thei maie bee brought after, to good thrift and labor: or if any child, aboue the age of fiue yeres, and vnder the age of .xiiij. yeres, go idlely wanderyng aboute as a vagabonde: bee it enacted, by the auctheritee aforeſaid, that if any maner of perſone, will take any ſuche child, bee it male or female, of, and from any ſuche begger, beeyng the mother thereof, nouriſher, or keper, whether thei bee willyng, or not, or without any ſuche nourice, mother, or keper, by hymſelf wanderyng, and bryng the ſaied child, ſo taken awaie, before one of the Conſtables of the Pariſhe, and twoo other honeſt and diſcrete neighbors, witneſſes, and before any Juſtice of Peace, there reſiaunt, and abidyng, and promes to bryng the ſame child vp, in ſome honeſt labor, or occupacion, till he, or ſhe, come to the age of .xx. yeres the woman childe, or .xxiiij. the man child: that then, and immediatly, the ſaid Juſtice of Peace and Conſtable, ſhall adiudge, by vertue of this acte, the ſaied child, vnto the ages before ſpecified, to be ſeruauntes or appzentices, to the ſaied perſones, ſo takyng and promiſyng, to bee vſed and ordered in all poynctes, accordyng as the lawe and cuſtome of this realme, is of ſeruauntes and appzentices, to what labor, occupacion, or ſeruice ſo euer, the ſaied Maſter ſhall appoynct hym, or her, durying the ſaid tyme. And if it ſhall fortune ſuche child ſo adiudged, to run awaie at any tyme, once, or mo tymes, frō his, or her maſter, or maiſtres: that then it ſhabe lawfull, for euery ſuche Maſter, to take the ſaied child again, and to kepe and puniſhe the ſaied

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childe, in cheynes, or otherwise, and vse him, or her, as his slaue, in all pointes, for the tyme before rehersed of the age of suche childe, that is to saye, tyll twentie the woman childe, and the man childe xxiij.

Prouided alwayes, that any master, either of the men, or of the women, so adiudged slaues, or of the children adiudged apprentices or seruauntes, maye lette, setfurthe, sel, bequeathe, or geue the seruice & labor of suche slaues or seruauntes, so adiudged, as is aforesayd: to any person, or persones, to whom so euer he wyll, vpon suche condition, and for suche tyme of yeres, as thesayde persons be adiudged to him, for slaues, seruauntes, or apprentices, after suche lyke sorte and maner, as he maye do of any other his moueable goodes or cattalles: and they for thesaid space and tyme, to be bounde to all pointes and constructions, to suche lessee, donee, vendee, or assignee, as they were to their first apprehenders and masters, by vertue of this statute.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaied: that if any such slaue, or slaues, or childe, so adiudged, shall at any time after such adiudgement, mayme, or woūde their masters or maistresses, in resisting their correction, or otherwyse: or when they be manumitted, and set again free, or in the tyme of their seruice, shall cōspire with any other, or by themselfes go about to murder & kyll, or to mayme, wounde, or beate thesaide master or maistres, or any that was their master or maistres, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente come to an acte tendyng to the effecte: that then euerye suche mayme or wounde, or the going about to murder, kylle, mayme, wounde, or beate suche person or persones, as be, or were their masters or maistresses, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente do come to ani acte, tending to thesame effecte, as lying in wayte with a weapon, or any such like, shalbe accompted Felonie, & they shal suffer therfore peynes of death, as in case of Felonie: excepte that any suche person or persones, as be, or had bene master or maistres to anye of them, or he refusyng, any other wil take such person so offendyng, to their slaues, & then he, or she so offending, to be adiudged to ỹ person, so willing to take him or her, so offendyng, slaue for euer, and therupon to be discharged of the Felonie. Thesame lawe & order to be had in all conditions, if it shoulde chaūce the father, mother, neurse, or other ỹ bearer about of the childe, or any other person, or persons, to steale away such childe adiudged apprentice or seruaūte, that is, to be slaue to such apprentices or seruaūtes master, whose apprentice or seruaūte was so stolen or entised away, for euer: & the master neuertheles to take and receaue his sayde apprentice or seruaunt agayn, as yf thesayde taking away had neuer be done.

Be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that although there be no man, which shal demaūde such forfeyt, or forfeytes as before expressed, into their seruice: yet neuertheles the iustice of peace in that Citie, Borough, Towne, or Hundreth dwelling, if any suche be, or els any other

iustice of peace of thesame shyre, and also there dwellynge, by his, or their office, shalbe hereafter bound, by vertue of this acte, not only to enquire of all suche ydle persones, but also, if they do espye any suche vagabondes, or ydle persone, or if any suche be detected vnto them, to examine him, or her, of the time of their vagaboundrye: and if it shall appere to any iustice of peace, any suche man, or woman to haue bene a vagaraunt and vagabond, or ydle persone, by the space, as is aforesaid, to cause thesame to be marked on the breast with an V. made with an hoate yron, and also to learne and enquire of hym, the Towne, Citie, or Village, wherin he was borne, and then shall immediatly geue a writyng in parchemente sealed with his seale, to thesaid loyterer, of the tenor and forme, which here ensueth. ¶ A. B. iustice of peace in the countie of S. to the Maiour, or chefe officer of the Citie of Q. (yf it be a Citie) or to the head Borough, Bailief, or Cōstable, or head officer of the Towne of Q. (yf it be a Towne) or to the Constable, or Tythyng man of the Village of C. (if it be a village) gretyng: Accordyng to a moste godlye statute, made in the fyrste yere of the reigne of oure Souereigne Lorde Kyng Edward the sixte, &c. We haue takē this bearer I. K. vagaraunt-ly, and to the euell example of others, without master, seruice, or labor, whereby to gette his liuyng, goyng, loyteryng idlely about. And because thesame saieth, he was borne in C. in the countie of S. wherof you are the head officer or Constable: We haue sent him to you to be ordred accordyng to the purporte and effecte of thesame statute. And with this writing, shall deliuer thesame loyterer to the constables, or other heade officer of thesayd Citie, Towne, or Village, wherin suche loyterer was taken, to be safeli conueighed by them, to the next constable, and so from constables to cōstables, and other head officers, til he or she be brought to the place, the which he, or she hath named themself to be borne in, and then to be deliuered to the heade officer or constable of that same Citie, Borrough, or Towne, Village, Hamlette, or Parrish, ther to be nourished and kepte of thesame Citie, Towne, or Village, in cheynes, or otherwise, eyther at the common workes in amendyng high waies, or other common worke, or from man to man in order till they which maye beare, be equally charged, to be slaue to the corporacion of the citie, or to the inhabitaūtes of the Towne or Village, that he, or she, were borne in, after all suche forme, condicion, space of yeres, orders, punishmētes for runnyng away, & al others, as are expressed of a cōmon, or priuate person, to whō ani such loyterer is adiudged a slaue. And ẏ said citie, towne, or Village, shall fe the sayde slaue beyng able to labor, sette on worke, and not lyue idlely within thesaid precinctes, vpon peine, that for euery such defaulte, that thesayde slaue doth liue ydlely, by the defaulte of the Citie, Borough, or town, or Village, by ẏ space of thre workyng daies together, the citie to forfeit. v. s. a Borough, or Town incorporate, xl. s. & other Town or Village xx. s. Wherof the one halfe to the Kyng our

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ſouereigne lorde, the other to him that will ſue for the ſame, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by bill, informacion or action of debte, in the which ſutes, no eſſoyne, wager of lawe, or protection ſhalbe allowed.

Prouided, and be it enacted, that the Citie, Towne & Borough corporate, by the conſente of the more parte of the corporacion: & the towne and village not corporate, by the conſente of the more parte of the inhabitauntes thereof, maye ſette, ſell, or geue awaye, the righte, title and intereſt of the ſaid ſlaue, to ani other perſon, as any other cõmon or priuate perſon maye do, with his ſlaue, by the vertue of this acte.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that if it fortune, when the ſayd vagabonde is brought to the ſayde citie, towne, or village, where the ſayd perſon ſayed, he was borne, to appere & be manifeſte, that he, or ſhe was not there borne: that then for ſuch lye, the ſayd vagaraunte ſhalbe marked in the face with an S. and be ſlaue to the Inhabitaũtes, or Corporation of the citie, towne, or village, where the ſayde vagaraunte ſayde he was borne in, for euer, vpon ſuch condicions, and orders, in all poyntes, as of a ſlaue marked in the face, is before expreſſed: the ſame lawe, and order in all pointes to be had of all vagaraunte perſons, and vagabondes, beynge borne in anye other nation or Countrey, then this Realme, as is before expreſſed, of Engliſhe ydle perſons, (markyng in the breaſte or face onely excepted) that is, to be had to the next porte, and there to be kepte of the Inhabitauntes of the ſayde next porte, in conuenient labor, and from ydlenes, or otherwyſe, tyll they maye be conueighed ouer: and then at the Coſtes of the Inhabitauntes of the ſayde porte, to be conueighed ouer into their Countreys.

And for aſmuch as ther is many maymed & otherwiſe lamed, ſore, aged & impotent perſons, which reſorteth to the citie of Londõ, & to other cities, townes, & villages, on begging: whoſe commyng together, & makyng a numbre, doeth fyll the ſtretes or highe wayes, of diuers cities, townes, markettes, & fayers, who, if they wer ſeparated, mought eaſely be nouriſhed in the Townes & places, wherin they were borne, or where they were, or haue bene moſte conuerſaunte, & abidyng by the ſpace of thre yeres: Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that all & ſinguler Maiours, Shirifes, Bayliefes, Conſtables, or other head Officers of any citie, towne, or Hundreth, to which, ſuche reſorte is, or ſhalbe, ſhal before the feaſte of the Purification of our lady next folowyng, ſee al ſuch idle, impotente, maymed, & aged perſons, who otherwiſe cannot by theyr diſcrecions be taken for vagabondes, whiche were borne within the ſayd citie, towne, or hundreth, or hath been there moſte conuerſaunt and abiding by the ſpace of thre yeres, as is aforeſaid, & nowe decayed, beſtowed and prouided for, of Tenauntreis, Cotages, or other conueniente houſes, to be lodged in, at the coſtes & charges of the ſayde cities, townes, boroughes, and villages, there to be releued and cured, by the deuocion of the good people, of the ſaid citie, borough, towne, or

village: And that they do not suffer, after the tyme before rehersed, any other, then suche, as either were borne, or hath bene for the moste parte conuersaunte, or abydyng, by the space aforesayde, in thesayde Citie, Borough, village, or towne, to remaine and begge abrode within the Precinctes of suche cities, townes, villages or hundrethes: vpon peine, that euery suche Maiours, Shirieffes, and Bayliefes, Constable, or other head Officer, by what name soeuer he be called, sufferyng any persons to begge within the precincte of his or their such iurisdiction, other then is before rehersed, for euery thre dayes, shal forfaicte, x.s. to whom soeuer will sue therfore, by byll, Informacion, or action of debte, in any Courte of recorde, in the whiche suytes, none essoyne, wager of lawe, nor protection shalbe allowed.

And for the better perfourmaunce hereof: be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that the Maiour of the citie of London, and all other Maiours Bayliefes, Shirieffes, Constables, and other head officers of euery citie, & town corporate, do, with al conuenient spede by themselfes, or their sufficient deputies, by them appointed, before the feast of the Purification next commyng, and so from tyme to time, euery moneth once, make a vieu and examinacion of aged, impotente and lame personnes, beggers, as be within the precincte of their iurisdiccon, and se all such, as were not borne, nor hath bene for the moste parte conuersaunte and abydyng there, by the space for thre yeres complete, conueighed on horsebacke, carte or chariotte, or otherwise, as shal seme by their discretiõs, to the next Constables, and they to conueigh the same to the nexte Constables, and so from Constables to Constables, tyll thesayd persons be broughte to the place, where they were borne, or most conuersaunt and abydyng, as is aforesaid, there to be prouided for, kepte and nourished, of almose, as is aforesaid: vpon the peine, that euery suche Maiour, Shirief, or constable, head borough, or head officer not makyng vieu, not sendyng, or conueighyng away, not receauing, or not prouidyng, as is before appointed, according to the true purporte or meanyng of this acte, to forfaite for euery suche defaulte xl.s. Whereof the one halfe to the kynges vse, the other, to the partie that wil sue therfore in any of the kynges Courtes of recorde, by byll, information, accion of debte, in the which suites, none essoyne, wager of law, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that if any of thesayd aged, maymed or impotent persones, of the cities, townes, or villages, where they were borne in or had their moste abydyng, as aforesayd, bee not so lame or impotent, but that they maye worke in some maner of worke: that then such citie, towne, parrisshe, or village, do eyther in common prouide some suche worke for them, as they maye be occupyed in, or appoint them to suche as will finde them worke, for meate and drynke. And if they refuse of wilfulnesse and stubbernesse to worke, or do runne awaye, and begge in other places, then to punisshe theselame according to their discrecions,

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with chepnyng, beatyng, or otherwise, as shall seme to them conuenient. And for the more furtherannce of the relief of suche, whiche are in vnfayned misery, and to whom charitie ought to be extended: be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery Sunday and holy daye, after the readyng of the Gospel of the day, the Curate of euery Parrishe, do make according to suche talent as God hath geuen him a Godly and briefe exhortacion to his Parrishioners: mouyng and exciting them, to remembre the poore people, and the ductye of Christian charitie, in releuyng of them, which be their brethren in Christe, borne in thesame partyshe, and nedyng their healpe.

Prouided alwayes, that yf it shal chaunce, any suche adiudged apprentice, seruaunt, or slaue, as is before rehersed, to haue inheritaunce descended vnto hym, or her, or any other wayes, be, by the lawes of this realme, warde, or bonde manne, or neif of blood, by, or from any of his auncestors, to any persone or persones: That then it shalbe lawfull to any suche persone or persones, to whom any suche warde, bonde man, or neif shall apperteigne, to lease and take suche wardes, bonde menne, or neifes, and theim to reteigne and kepe, as their wardes, bonde men, or neifes. And thesayd wardes, bonde men and neifes shalbe discharged of thesayd slauerye, or other seruitude or bondage aboue rehersed: This estatute, or any thyng therein conteined, to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And also be it enacted, that yf any suche seruaunt, apprentice, slaue, or slaues, which shall haue at any time hereafter any aduauncement or lyuing, accrue, come, or growe vnto him, or any of them, whereby he, or they maye haue a conuenient lyuing, that then, and from thensefurthe, he, or they so beyng aduaunced, to be discharged of their slauerye, seruitude, and bondage: this acte, or any thyng therin conteined to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng. Any woman beyng a seruaunt, apprentice or slaue, as is aforesayde, beynge maryed within the age of .xx. yeres, without the assent of her maister, vntill she shall accomplishe and come to thesaid age of .xx. yeres, onely excepted.

Be it also enacted, that all leprouse and poore beddered creatures, whatsoeuer they be, may at their awne libertie, remaine and continue in suche houses, appointed for leprouse, or beddred people, as they now be in, & shall not be compelled to repaire into any other cõtries or places, by the vertue of this acte, any thing therin conteyned to ỹ contrary notwithstandyng. And that also it shalbe lefull vnto thesayd leprouse and beddered people, for their better relefes, to appointe their proctor or proctors, so there be not appointed aboue the numbre of two persones, for any one house of leprouse beddred people, to gather the charitable almose of all suche inhabitauntes as shalbe within the compasse of .iii. miles of any of thesayd houses of lepres, and beddred persones.

And be it ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aboueaid, that it

ſhalbe lawfull to euery perſone, to whom anye perſone in forme aboue ſayd ſhalbe adiudged a ſlaue, to put a yng of yron about his necke, arme, or his legge, for a more knowlege and liuerie of the kepyng of hym. And that yf any perſone or perſones, do take or healpe to take any ſuch bonde of yron from any ſuche ſlaue, that then euery perſone ſo doyng without the licence or aſſent of his maſter, ſhall forfaicte for euery ſuch default, ten poundes ſterlyng.

Be it further enacted, that this preſent acte, ſhall, before the firſt day of Marche next commyng, be openly proclaimed in euery citie Corporate, towne, and market towne, vpon the market daye: and alſo from thenſefurth ſhall yerely be redde in euery ſhire openly in two generall quarter ſeſſions of the peace, that is to ſaye, at the generall quarter ſeſſions after midſomer, and the generall quarter ſeſſions next after Chriſtemas, to the intent, that euery perſone may haue knowlege thereof, and that this acte ſhall indure vnto the ende of the next parliament.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it ſhalbe lawfull to the lorde Chauncellor of England, or the lord keper of the greate Seale for the time beyng, at their diſcretions, to graunt commiſſion vnder the greate ſeale of England, to euery, or any perſone or perſones, that hath, or ſhal haue his, or their houſes or barnes burnt, or ſuch loſſes, to gather the relief and charitie of others, for their ayde and healpe, of his or their loſſes, decay, or hinderaunce, as in time paſt hath been vſed: any thyng conteigned in this acte notwithſtandyng.

(An acte for Tenures holden in Capite.

¶ The iii. Chapiter.

WHere before this tyme, ambiguities, queſtions, & doubtes haue been moued and ſtyred in diuerſe and ſundery the kynges Courtes of Record, whether ſuche Honors, Caſtelles, manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes are holden of the kyng in Capite, whiche any his louyng ſubiectes do holde by knyghtes ſeruice, Socage, or other ſeruices of the kyng, as of his Duchies, Erledomes, Baronies, Honors, Caſtelles, manours, landes, tenementes, fees, and Seignyories, which haue come to the handes and poſſeſſion of diuerſe of his highneſſe moſt noble Progenitors, by Attendor of treaſon, miſpriſion of treaſon, Attendors of premunire, and prouiſion had and doen by acte of Parliament, by verdicte, confeſſion, conuiction, or vtlagary, and offices or no offices therupon founde, or by the diſſolution, ſurrendre, or geuyng vp to the kyng, or to any his noble Progenitors, of any religious or Eccleſiaſticall houſes or places, or of any manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, to any of theſame religious or Eccleſiaſticall houſes or places in any wyſe apperteignyng or belongyng, or no: By meanes of whiche doubte ſo moued, his ſayd humble and obedient ſubiectes and tenauntes haue been heretofore muche vnquieted, moleſted

molested and greued: wherfore the kyng oure soueteigne Lorde, mindyng and entierly desiryng the quietnes of his sayed subiectes, and that the certaintie of his lawes in that behalfe might be knowen & declared to his sayde louynge subiectes, for a plaine declaration and resolution to be had, of, for, and concernyng the premisses, at the humble peticion and supte of the lordes and commons in this present Parliament assembled, doeth ordeine, declare and enacte by the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that al suche honors, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, and euery of them, whiche now be, or at any time hereafter shalbe holden of the kyng, or of any of his heires or successors, by any of his sayd subiectes, by knightes seruice, Soccage or otherwise, as of any of his or their Dukedomes, Erledomes, Baronies, Castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, fees or Seignyories, which be come to the kyng, or his moste noble Progenitors, or hereafter shall come to the kyng, his heires, or successors, by meanes of any suche Attainder, Conuiction, Utlagary, or of any suche dissolution, surrendre or geuyng vp of any Religious or Ecclesiastical houses or places, or of any manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to any of thesayd religious or ecclesiastical houses or places in anywise belongyng or appertenyng, shall not from henseforthe be adiudged, demed, taken or construed, to any intent, construccion or purpose, to be holden in Capite, or as Tenure in Capite: any ambiguitie, question, or doubt heretofore moued to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or any thing therin conteyned, shal not in anywise be prejudiciall ne hurtfull to the kyng, his heires or successors, to, for, or concernyng any wardship, liuerey, primer seasin, fyne for alienation, or to, or for any other profyte or aduauntage, whiche now is come, or hereafter shall, or maye come, fall or growe to the kyng, his heires, or successors, by, or from any persone, or persones, which now doeth, or hereafter shall holde any Honors, Seignyories, Castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of the kyng in Chief, as of his person, or of anye other his auncient possessions, and beyng not come to the kyng by any suche attainder, confession, conuiccion, vtlagary, dissolution, geuyng vp, or surrender, as be abouesayde.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this present acte, or any thyng therein conteyned or specified, shall not in any wyse, or by any meanes, geue any aduauntage, libertie, or profyte to anye tenaunt or owner in fee symple, of anye Honours, Manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whiche haue heretofore sued any speciall or general liuerey, or ouster le mayne, out of the handes of the kyng, or of anye his noble Progenitors, of any Honors,

manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, by what tenor or seruice they were, or be holden, or that haue, or shal confesse by any mater of recorde, any tenor in chief of the kyng, but that they, their heires and assignes, shall haue and holde thesame manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in like maner and fourme, as they dyd before the makyng of this present acte, and as though this present acte had neuer been had, ne made: anye thyng aboue declared and enacted to the contrary notwithstandyng.

¶ An acte that no horses shalbe conueighed out of this realme, and other the Kynges Dominions, without licence.

¶ The. v. Chapiter.

WHere before this time, diuerse of the kynges subiectes, and namely of the North partes of this realme, aswell in time of peace as of warre, haue conueighed, sold, geuen and deliuered out of this realme, aswel into Scotland, as into other forreyne realmes beyond the sea, many & diuerse great multitude of horsses, geldinges and mares, which haue been thought, aswel great occasion, strength, and boldnesse to the Scottishmen, & other the kynges forreyne enemies, hauing in possessiō thesame horsses, geldynges, & mares, in time of warre to inuade this realme, as also a great decay of the good breede of horsses and mares, which before tyme hath been within this realme, to the great detriment and hinderaunce of the kynges poore subiectes, towardes the defence of this realme and other his dominions: For remedie wherof, be it therfore enacted by our souereigne Lord the kyng, & by the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of thesame, that if any persone, or persones, after the firste daye of January next comming, do sel, exchaunge, geue, conueigh, or deliuer, into the realme of Scotland, to the vse of any Scottishman, or do cary, geue, exchaūge, sel, sende, conueigh, or deliuer into any place beyond the sea, out of this realme, or the dominiōs of thesame, any horsse, geldyng, or mare without speciall licence therfore to be obteined of the kynges highnes, or of his heires, vnder the great seale of this realme, or vnder the priuy signate: or if any person, or persones, after thesaid firste day of January, do sel, exchaunge, geue, or deliuer to any Scottishmā within this realme of England or Wales, the towne of Berwicke, or the marches of thesame, to thintent to be conueighed into Scotland, any horsse, gelding, or mare, or do conueigh or cary, any horsse, mare, or gelding, into any forreyn parties beyond the sea, without like speciall licence obteyned of the kynges highnes, or of his heires, vnder the great seale, or priuey signate, as is aforesaid: that then thesame person and persons so offending, contrary to this acte, shal lose & forfaict to our souereigne lord, and his heires, thesame horsse, mare, or geldyng, so caryed and conueighed, and shall also loose & forfaicte the summe of fourtie poundes, for

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euery ſuch hoꝛſſe, gelding, oꝛ mare, ſo to be conueighed and caried in foꝛme aforeſayd: Wherof the one moytie to be to the kyng, and the other moytie to him, oꝛ them, that wil ſue foꝛ the ſame, by inforꝛmacion, accion, of debte, oꝛ detinue in any of the kynges Courtes of recoꝛde, in whiche ſuyte, no wager of lawe, eſſoyne, ne proteccion ſhalbe allowed: And that alſo all, and euery perſone and perſones ſo offendyng, contrary to this acte, ſhall ſuffre impriſonement by the ſpace of one whole yere.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoꝛitie aforeſayde, that it ſhalbe lefull, aſwell to the wardeyn & wardens of the Eaſt, Weſt, and middle marches, foꝛ the time beyng, in their warden courtes, as alſo, to all and euery the kynges iuſtices of peace, in euery ſhire, aſwel in Englande, as in Wales, in their quarter Seſſions, to inquire of al and euery offence oꝛ offences, hereafter to be perpetrated, cõmitted oꝛ doen, cõtrary to this acte: And that it ſhalbe lefull to al and euery perſon & perſons, being the kynges ſubiectes, to arreſt & impriſon euery Scottiſhman, & al and euery other perſon, and perſons, whiche ſhal leade, oꝛ conueigh contrary to the meanyng of this acte, any ſuch hoꝛſſe, geldyng, oꝛ mare, out of this realme into the ſaid realme of Scotland, oꝛ into any other foꝛeine place beyond the ſea, other then ſuch perſons, as hereafter ſhal haue ſufficient warraunt, by, oꝛ from the kynges highnes oꝛ his heires, vnder his, oꝛ their great ſeale, oꝛ priuy ſignate, accoꝛding to the meanyng of this acte.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctoꝛitie aforeſayd, that yf the kyng our ſouereigne loꝛde, his heires oꝛ ſucceſſoꝛs, at any tyme hereafter, vnder his great ſeale, oꝛ priuey ſignate, do geue licence, to any perſone oꝛ perſones, to cary oꝛ conueigh any hoꝛſſes, mares, oꝛ geldynges into Scotlande, oꝛ into any other parties beyonde the ſea, oꝛ els do geue auctoꝛitie, powet, oꝛ commaundement, to any perſone oꝛ perſons, by warraunt, vnder the kynges great ſeale, to licence any other perſon oꝛ perſones, to cary, oꝛ conueigh any hoꝛſſes, mares, oꝛ geldynges into Scotlande, oꝛ into any parties beyond the ſea, that then it ſhalbe lefull, aſwel to al & ſinguler perſone & perſons, hauyng ſuch licence vnder the kynges great ſeale, oꝛ priuey ſignate, as to all & euery other perſon, and perſones, hauyng licence in writyng vnder the ſeale of ſuch perſone, oꝛ perſons, to whõ the kyng ſhal geue auctoꝛitie, powet, oꝛ commaundement in foꝛme aboueſaid, to licẽce other perſon, oꝛ perſons, to cary oꝛ cõueigh any hoꝛſſes, mares, oꝛ geldinges into Scotland, oꝛ into any parties beyond the ſea, to cary & cõueigh ſuch numbꝛe of hoꝛſſes, geldinges oꝛ mares, oꝛ any of them into Scotlãd, oꝛ into any of the parties beyõd the ſea, as ſhalbe mencioned in any ſuch licẽce, as is befoꝛe ſpecified, any thyng mencioned in this acte to the cõtrary in anywiſe notwithſtãding.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctoꝛitie aforeſayd, that this acte, ne any thyng therin conteyned, ſhal in anywiſe extende, to any perſone oꝛ perſones, which at any time hereafter, ſhal cary, oꝛ conueigh any hoꝛſſe, mare, oꝛ geldyng into Scotlande, oꝛ into any other foꝛeyne

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parties beyonde the sea, to serue the kyng in his warres, with thesame horsses, mares, or geldynges, any thing mencioned in this acte, to the contrary in anywyse notwithstandyng.

And to the intent the kynges maiestie shal not hereafter be deceiued in the number of suche horsses, mares, or geldynges, whiche hereafter shalbe caried and conueighed into Scotland, ne that the parties, which hereafter shal obteyn any licence by force of this acte, for the cariage or conueighaunce, of anye horsses, mares, or geldynges, to be caryed or conueighed into Scotland: Be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that al and euery such persone & persones, whiche hereafter shalbe licenced, according to this acte, to cary or conueigh, any horsses, mares, or geldinges, into Scotlande, shall, before thesame cariage, or conueighaunce, vpō the peine of forfaicture of thesaid horsse, mare, or gelding, or the double value therof: wherof the one moytie to be to the kyng, and the other moytie to him, or them, that will sue for thesame by suche lyke action, as before is limited in this acte, shewe his, or their sayed licence, to one of the thre Wardens of the thre marches of England, to the intent that one of the said Wardens shall cause the nūbre of thesaid horsses, mares, or geldynges, so licenced to be conueighed into Scotlande, not only to be kalēdard in a boke, to remain in his awn custodie: but also to be indorsed, and wrytten on the backe syde of thesaid licence, & thesame endorsement to be signed with the hande of thesaied Warden.

Prouided alwayes, that it shalbe lefull to euery of the kynges subiectes, that shal passe ouer beyonde the sea, to ship and cary with them, horsses, or geldynges, for their only occupacion in their iourneyes, and not to the intent to sell thesame beyonde the sea: And that intent to be iudged, by the othe of hym, or them, that so wyll cary ouer anye horsse, or gelding, which othe shalbe taken before the Customars, or their deputies or seacher of euery suche port, where thesame horsse, or gelding, shalbe shipped before the shippyng thereof.

Prouided alwayes, that the Warden of the fyue portes, now beyng, or hereafter to be, may yerely at his pleasure, geue six horsses or geldinges, & no more, within one yere, at one, or diuerse times, vpon lyke peine, as is aforesayd, to any persone or persones, in the parties beyonde the seas, beyng in amitie with the kynges highnes, or his successors: this acte or any thyng therein, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thyng therein mencioned, be in any wyse hurtefull or preiudiciall to the maister of the kynges horsses now, & hereafter to be, for suche thinges & cōmodities, as shal, & do concerne his office: any thyng in this acte, to the cōtrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lefull to anye the kynges subiectes, to cary, or sende into any partes beyonde the sea, any mares, whereof the pryce of any one Mare, so to be caryed, doth not excede .x. s. in suche and like maner, as mares, beyng of the pryce of .vi. s. viii. d. haue been, or

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might haue been conueighed ouer the seas, before the makyng of this acte: ani thing in this acte, or in any other acte or actes, heretofore made to the contrary hereof notwithstandyng.

¶ An acte for the continuaunce of makyng of woolsted yarne in Norffolk.

¶ The. vj. Chapiter.

WHere the greatest and almost the whole numbre of the pore inhabitauntes of the coūtie of Norffolk, and the citie of Norwiche, be, and haue been heretofore for a great time mainteyned, & gotten their liuyng by spinnyng of the wolles, growyng in thesaid coūtie of Norfolk vpon the rocke, into yarne, and by al thesayd time haue vsed to haue their accesse to common markettes within thesaied countie and citie, to bye their wolles there to be spunne as is aforesaied, of certain persones, called retailers of thesame wolles, by eight penyworth, and twelue penyworth at one tyme or theraboute, and haue not vsed to bye, ne can bye their sayd wolles of the breders of thesame wolles by suche smal percelles, aswel for that thesayd breders of thesaid wolles, wil not sell their said wolles by suche small percelles, as also for that the most parte of thesaid poore persones, dwell farre of from thesaid breders of thesayd wolles: And forasmuche as by an acte of parliament made in the. xxxvij. yere of the reigne of the noble Kyng of famous memory Henry the. viii. all persones be restreined vpon a great peine, to bye any wolles to sel thesame again, excepte merchauntes of the Staple, for the onely prouision of the staple, as in thesayed acte among other thinges, more at large it is conteined: therfore thesayd retailers of wolles in thesayd countie of Norffolk and citie of Norwiche, whiche heretofore haue vsed to bye wolles, and to sell them againe to thesayed poore persons in ouert markettes, as is aforesayed, haue sence the makyng of thesayed estatute in eschewyng the daungier and peine prouided by thesame, ceassed and lefte to bye thesayd wolles, for the reliefe of thesayd poore persones: By reason wherof, thesame poore persones inhabityng within thesayd countie of Norffolk and citie of Norwiche, that hath heretofore been spynners, and mainteined by spinnyng of thesaid wolles, be now vnoccupied & vnfet a worke, and a great numbre of them inforced to begge for lacke of worke, to the vtter decaye and ruine of the poore people of thesaide countie and citie, and the inhabitauntes therof, onlesse some remedy be therin prouided. In consideration wherof, it may please the Kynges most royal maiestie, by the assent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that al & euery person and persons dwellyng and inhabityng within thesaid countie of Norfolk and citie of Norwiche, or in either of them, by his, or themselfes, or

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by his, or their factours, seruaunt, or seruaūtes may lawfully trō hens-furth, without peyne, forfaicture, daungier, or breache of any law or ordinaunce, to bye and bargain wolles, and take and make prouision to bye or bargain wolles, growyng, or that shal grow only within the said countie of Norfolk, in as large and lyke maner and fourme, as the same inhabitauntes within the sayd countie & Citie, might, and did vse to do, before the makyng of the sayed acte of Parliament, and as the said acte of parliament had neuer bene had or made, so that the same persone and persones so byyng or bargaynyng, or takyng promes to bye or bargayn the saied wolles, do sell or Retayle the same againe in the common market, or other open place within the saied countie of Norfolk or Citie of Norwiche, to any person or persones at their pleasure and libertie that wil bye the same, or any parcel therof, dwellyng and inhabityng within the sayed countie & Citie of Norwiche, or any of them, that shall or wyll spynne the same within the sayed countie of Norfolk, and Citie of Norwiche, or any of them: the saied former acte, or any article, clause or sentence therin conteined, or any other acte or actes, law or ordinaunce, heretofore made, to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of oure sayed late Souereigne Lorde the kyng, it was emongest other thynges, enacted thus as ensuethe, or like in effecte, that is to saye, that no persone or persones from hensefurthe, shoulde bye, ne cause to be boughte within the saied Citie of Norwiche, or Countie of Norfolk, any yarne spunne of the rocke, called woolsted yarne, the whiche shoulde then after that be spunne within the sayed Countie or Citie, but suche person or persones beyng weuers of woolsted, Russels, Stampne, Sayes, and suche other lyke clothes, within the sayed Citie or Countie, that shoulde weue or worke, or cause to be wouen or wrought in woolsted, Stampne, Russelles, Sayes, or suche other lyke clothes, the sayed yarne so bought or caused to be bought within the saide Cytie or Countie, in the Citie of Norwyche, or in some market towne within the sayde Countie: vpon the peyne and forfaicture, for euery pounde weyght of the said yarne called wolsted yarne, so bought within the said Countey or Cytie, and not wouen or wrought, as is aforesayde, within the said Citie or Countey, fourty shillynges, the one haulfe therof to be to the kyng our souereygn Lord, & the other haulfe therof to be to him, or them, that shoulde then after that, sue for the same, by bill, Information, Accīō of debt, or otherwise in any courte of retorde, in whiche sayd action, byl, or informacion, no essoyne, wager of law, forein plea, or protection shoulde be allowed. And wher it is also ordeyned in the said acte that if any persone or persones, dyd after the fyrste daye of Aprill then next after the said acte ensuyng, shyp, or cary, or cōueyghe, or cause to be shipped, to carye or cōueyghe into the parties beyonde the sea, or did carye or cōueygh into the partes beyond the sea, any yarne called wolsted

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yarne, not made or wrought in cloth, so that suche yarne were spun with in this realme, that then euery person and persons, so shippyng, conueighyng, and cariyng, or causyng suche yarne so to be shipped, caried, and conueighed, should forfeit for euery pound of Woolsted yarne so shipped, conueighed, or caried. xl. s. the one halfe thereof to be to our said soueraigne lord the kyng, and the other halfe thereof to hym or them that should sue for the same, by bill, informacõ, or accion of debt in any of the kynges courtes of record, as in the said act, the same or the lyke in effect, more plainly doth and may appere. And forasmuche as the said act was made and ordeined to continue and endure vntill the Parliament then after that nexte ensuyng, and hath been sithens by other generall actes continued vntill this present parliament, and was not by any of the said actes ordeined to cõtinue for euer: It maie now please the kinges most excellent maiestie, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all the afore recited act for yarne, with all the wordes, forfeitures, paines and sentences before recited, as the same be, before recyted and declared, may frõ henceforth be enacted to continue & to be taken for an act to cõtinue for euer, to all intentes and purposes, according to the said wordes, sentences & the purport therof, before in this act recited.

Prouided alwaie, that it shalbe lefull to euery person and persons, beyng a hattemaker or hat makers, dwellyng within the said citie of Norwiche, to bye suche of the said Woolsted yarne, as is called and knowen by the name of middell vse yarne, as they and euery of them haue heretofore done and vsed to do, so that the same middel vse yarne, so bought by the said hat makers or hat maker, be wrought in hattes, or employed to hat makyng within the said citie: any thyng before recited, to the contrary therof notwithstandyng.

Cap. viii.

An act for the continuance of actions after the death of any Kyng.

Here the kynges subiectes heretofore haue to their great costes, charges, and expenses, prosecuted and sued dyuerse and sundrie actions, all well reall and personall, as all other actions, myxt, or other wyse, in the kynges maiesties courtes, and other courtes of record, not onely by writtes, but also by pleint, or billes, whiche actions, suites, billes and pleintes, by the death or demyse of the kinges of this realme, haue been discõtinued, and the parties in euery suche actiõs, suites, billes, and pleintes, therby haue been put without date, whereby the demaundaunces, pleintiffes, and actors in euery suche action and suite, were compelled and driuen by the order of the lawes of this realme, for their further remedie, to cõmence and begin again, his or their said actions, suites, or pleintes, or els to prosecute, and sue resommons, attachementes, Scire facias, or suche other lyke

proteſſe, to reuiue his or their ſaid actions ſuites or pleintes, whiche was not onely to their great coſtes, chardges, expenſes, hynderaunces, and delaie of their trauſes and ſuites, but alſo a great let and hynderance of iuſtice: for reformacion wherof, be it ordeined, eſtabliſhed and enacted, by the kyng our ſouereigne lord, and the lordes and commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that from henceforth by the death or demiſe of the kynges Maieſtee that nowe is, (whoſe life almightie God long preſerue, kepe, and maintein in his moſt royall eſtate) nor by the death or demyſe of any that hereafter ſhall bee kyng of this realme, any action, ſuite, byll, or pleint, nowe, or that hereafter ſhall depend betwene parte and partie in any of the courtes afore ſaid, ſhall not in any wiſe be diſcontinued or put without day: But that the proceſſe, plees, demurres, and continuaunces, in euery action, actions, ſuites, billes, or plemtes, whiche now, or that hereafter ſhall depend, ſhall ſtand good and effectuall, and be proſecuted and ſued forth in ſuche maner and forme, and in the ſame eſtate, condicion and order, as if the ſame kyng had liued or continued in full lyfe, the death or demyſe hereafter of any kyng of this realme notwithſtandyng. And that all and all maner of iudiciall proceſſe that hereafter ſhall bee had or purſued in the time of the reigne of any other kyng then reigned at the time of the purſuite of the originall, or other former proceſſe, ſhall be made in the name of the kyng, that for the tyme ſhall reigne, and be kyng of this realme, and that variance touchyng the ſame proceſſe betwene the names of the kinges, ſhall not be in any wiſe materiall, as concernyng any default to be alledged or obiected therfore.

And alſo be it further eſtabliſhed and enacted by the ſaid auctoritie afore ſaid that all and euery Aſſiſe of nouel diſſeyſin, aſſiſe of mortdauncestor, iuris vtrum, and attaint, whiche at any tyme hereafter ſhalbe aſſigned, commenced or ſued before any of the kynges iuſtices of aſſiſe, ſhall not from henſforth be diſcontinued or put without date, by reaſon of death, newe commiſſion, aſſociacion, or not comming of the ſame iuſtices of aſſiſe, or any of them, but ſhall ſtand good and effectuall in the lawe to all intentes, conſtruccions and purpoſes, the death, newe commiſſion, aſſociacion, or not cõming of the ſame iuſtices or any of them in any wiſe notwithſtãdyng.

And other that, be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie afore ſaid, that albeit any demaundaunt or pleintiffe in any maner of action, byll, or ſuite, ſhall fortune to be made or created Duke, Archebiſhop, Marques, Earle, Viſcount, Baron, Biſhop, Knight, Juſtice of the one bench, or of the other, or Sergeaunt at lawe, depending the ſame action, byll or ſuite, yet that notwithſtandyng, that no ſuche action or ſuite ſhall for ſuche cauſe, in any wyſe bee abatable or abated, but ſhall remaine in lyke force, goodneſſe, and ſtrength, as the ſame was before, any lawe or vſage to the contrary, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

And alſo be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie afore ſaid, that albeit

albeit any person or persones, beyng Justice of assise, Justice of Gaole deliuerie, or Justice of peace within any of the kinges dominions, or beyng in any other of the kynges cõmissions whatsoeuer, shall fortune to be made or created Duke, archebishop, marques, earle, viscount, baron, bishop, knight, iustice of thone benche or of thother, or sergeant at lawe, or clerke, yet that notwithstandyng, he and thei shall remain iustice and cõmissioner, and haue full power & auctorittie to execute the same, in lyke maner & form, as he or thei might or ought to haue done before the same.

And be it ordeined and enacted by the auctorittie aforesaid, that in all cases, where any person or persones heretofore haue been, or hereafter shalbe found gyltie of any maner of treason, murder, mãslaughter, rape, or other felonie whatsoeuer, for the whiche, iudgemẽt of death should or may ensue, and shalbe reprieued to prison without iudgement at that time geuen against him, her, or them, so found gyltie, that those persones that at any tyme hereafter, shall by the kynges letters patentes be assigned Justices to deliuer the Gaole, where any suche person or persons found gyltie shall remain, shall haue full power and auctorittie to geue iudgement of death against suche person so founde gyltie and reprieued as the same iustices (before whom suche person or persons was, or were found gyltie) might haue done, if their cõmission of Gaole deliuery had remained and continued in full force and strength. And ouer that, that no maner of processe or suite, made, sued or had before any Justices of Assise, gaole deliuery, Oyer and terminer, iustice of peace, or other of the kinges commissioners, shall, ne in any wise be discontinued by the makyng and publishyng of any new commission or association, or by alteryng of the names of the iustices of assise, gaole deliuery, Oyer and terminer, iustices of peace, or other the kynges commissioners, but that the new iustices of assise, Gaole deliuery, and of the peace, and other cõmissioners may proceede in euery behalf, as if the olde commissions, and Justices and commissioners had still remained and continued, not altered.

¶ Cap. viii.

¶ An acte for the confirmacion of letters patentes.

WHere the kynges most excellent highnesse, sithen the eight and twentie day of Januarie, in the first yere of his Maiesties reigne, alwell vpon diuerse and sundrie good consideracions his Maiestie specially mouyng, as also otherwise, hath bargained, sold, exchaunged, geuen, restored and graunted by his graces seuerall letters patentes, indentures or other writynges, sealed vnder his highnesse great seale of Englande, the seale of his duchie of Lancastre, and the seale of the court of augmentacion and the reuenues of his crowne, or any of them, as well to bodies politique and corporate, as to diuerse and sundrie of his louyng and obedient subiectes, diuerse and sundrie honors, castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, personages appropriated, aduoustons, ty-

thes,oblacions,pencions,pozcions,fraunchiſes,pꝛiuileges,liberties and other hereditamentes, commodities and pꝛofites in fee ſymple,fee taple, foꝛ terme of life oꝛ lifes,oꝛ foꝛ terme of yeres, as in theſame ſeuerall letters patentes,indentures and other wꝛitinges is mencioned and declared: In auoidyng,diſturbyng,hurtyng oꝛ hinderyng of theſaid ſeuerall letters patentes, Indentures and other wꝛitynges,and of the ſated manours,landes,tenementes,hereditamentes, and other thynges in theim conteyned,ſundꝛie and many ambiguities,doubtes,and queſtiõs,haue, oꝛ might hereafter happen to be moued,obiected,alleged,inuented,pꝛocured oꝛ ſtirred,aſwell foꝛ miſnampng,myſrecitall oꝛ none recitall of any of theſame honoꝛs,caſtelles,manours,landes tenementes,and other the pꝛemiſſes,oꝛ any parcell therof, oꝛ foꝛ lacke of findyng of officies,oꝛ inquiſicions, of, and in the pꝛemiſſes, whereby the tytle of the kynges highnes therin ought to haue been found befoꝛe the makyng of theſame letters patentes oꝛ other wꝛitynges,oꝛ foꝛ miſrecitall oꝛ none recitall of leaſes thereof befoꝛe made,aſwell of recoꝛd,as not of recoꝛd,oꝛ foꝛ lacke of the certauntie,miſcaſtyng,ratyng oꝛ ſettyng foꝛth of the yerely values and rates of the pꝛemiſſes,oꝛ of the yerely rentes reſerued,of,and foꝛ the pꝛemiſſes, oꝛ any parcell thereof, mencioned oꝛ conteyned in any of the ſaid letters patentes, oꝛ other wꝛitynges, oꝛ foꝛ that the pꝛemiſſes be,oꝛ any part thereof,is valued to a moꝛe oꝛ leſſe value in theſaid letters patentes oꝛ wꝛitynges,then theſaied honours,manours, landes,tenementes,and other the pꝛemiſſes, then were,oꝛ ſhall be,in yerely value,oꝛ foꝛ myſnampng of the townes, hamlettes,pariſſhes,oꝛ counties,where the ſame honours,caſtelles,manours,landes tenementes, rentes,hereditamentes,and other the pꝛemiſſes,and euery parcell thereof,oꝛ any parcell therof lyen oꝛ been, oꝛ foꝛ lacke of the true nampng of the natures,kynds,ſoꝛtes,and quantitees of theſated poſſeſſions,oꝛ hereditamentes,oꝛ any parcell therof, oꝛ foꝛ lacke of the true nampng of the coꝛpoꝛacion of theſame bodies politike oꝛ coꝛpoꝛate, oꝛ foꝛ lacke of attoꝛnement, liuerey oꝛ ſeaſon,oꝛ foꝛ miſnampng of any of the late tenauntes oꝛ fermoꝛs of theſame pꝛemiſſes ſo ſoldꝛ, geuen,graunted,oꝛ exchaunged,as foꝛ diuerſe and ſundꝛie other ſuggeſtions and ſurmyſes not compꝛiſed in the ſaid letters patentes, whiche hereafter might happen to be moued, ſurmiſed oꝛ pꝛocured againſt theſame letters patẽtes: Foꝛ remedie and reformacion wherof, be it ꝛdeined and enacted by the kinges moſt excellent highnes, with thaſſent of the loꝛdes ſpirituall and tẽpoꝛall,and the commons in this pꝛeſent parliament aſſẽbled,and by thauctoꝛitie of the ſame,that aſwell all & euery theſaid letters patẽtes,indẽtures and other wꝛitinges,& euery of them ſealed with oꝛ vnder the ſeale oꝛ ſeales aboue named oꝛ any of them,made oꝛ graunted by the kinges highnes ſithens the xxviii. day of Januarie laſt paſt,as alſo all and ſinguler his graces letters patentes,indentures and other wꝛitynges hereafter,duryng his highnes life(whiche our Loꝛd long continue)to be had,made oꝛ graun-

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ted with or vnder any of the seales aboue saied, to any bodie politique or corporate, or to any other person or persons of any honors, castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, personages, tythes, pencions, porcions, aduousions, nominacions, presentacions, fraunchises, liberties, and other hereditamentes, commodities, possessions and profites, of what kinde, nature or qualitie soeuer thei or any of them be, is, or shalbe, or by whatsoeuer name or names thei or any of them be, is, or shalbe named, knowen or reputed, shall stand & be taken, reputed and iudged, good, sure, perfite, effectuall, and auayleable in the law, duryng the statutes in them limited and specified, to all intentes, respectes, constructions and purposes, against the kyng his heyres & successors without any confirmation, licence, dispensacion or tolleracion of the kyng his heires or successors: any the causes or matters aboue mencioned, conteined, or hereafter duryng his saied highnesse lyfe, to be conteyned, had or made in any suche letters patentes, indentures or other writynges, by the kyng our souereigne lord, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaie, that this act, ne any thyng therin conteined, shall not in any wise extend to reuiue or make good any letters patentes made of any office or offices to any comptroller, customer, alneger, or searcher, ne to any letters patentes of the graunt of any other office or offices here tofore graunted or made by our saied souereigne lord the kyng whiche now is, or he, or at any time heretofore haue been adnychilated, determined, or made void by iudgement, by auctoritie of parliament or decree, nor to any patent to bee made to any person or persones for terme of yeres, or duryng the minoritie of an heire, of or in any manours, landes or tenementes, whereof any trauerse hereafter shall be tendred within three monethes after any office found & certified into any of the kinges courtes of recorde, ne to any leases or graauntes of any manours, landes, or tenementes of our said souereigne lordes hereafter to be made, vnder any of the seales of the courtes aforesaied, contrary to the limitacion, ordinaunce, prouision, establishment and auctoritie of thesame courtes, any thyng in this act conteined to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this act nor any thyng therin conteined, shall not extende to make any letters patentes of any office or offices, to be of any other effecte, force, or strength, then thesame letters patentes were, or should haue been before the makyng of this acte.

Prouided alwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singuler suche patentees, graauntees, doners, as any time hereafter duryng the life of our saied souereigne Lord (whiche almightie God long preserue) shall fortune to haue or obteyne any castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes of the gifte, graunt, sale or exchaunge of the kynges Maiestie, or of the onely gifte of the kynges Maiestie of his most liberall disposicion, and not sold, whiche at the day of the date of the letters patentes therof made,

ſhall bee of moze, oz better perely value to the kyng in perely rente and fatme, then ſhall be conteined, mencioned and ſpecified in any ſuche letters patentes and particulers thereof made by the particular ſurueiour oz ſurueiours thereof, and in ſuche bill oz billes, as ſhalbe ſigned and ſealed with the hand oz handes of the patentee oz patentees therof to be exhybited to the kynges Maieſtie, oz his officer oz officers, within whose ſurueye theſaid manours, landes and tenementes, and other the premiſſes, oz any part thereof ſhalbe, oz within any of them, whiche byll ſhalbe ſigned, ſealed, had and made, as is afozeſaid, befoze any bill ſhalbe therof ſigned by the kynges maieſtie that then euery of theſaied patentees, grauntees, and bonees, their heires, executozs, oz adminiſtratours, within one yere next after due pzofe and decrees thereof made and had in the court, within whose ſurueie theſame caſtels, manours, landes, tenementes and other the premiſſes, oz any parcell therof, befoze theſaied gyftes and grauntes were, ſhall content and paie to the kyng foz theſame ouerplus and moze value of theſame manours, landes, tenementes, tythes, pencions, pozcions, and other hereditamentes to him ſold oz exchaūged, after ſuch rate, as other landes and tenementes, were befoze to him ſold oz exchaūged, and foz the ouerplus and moze value of ſuche landes and tenementes as ſhall happen to be geuen by the kynges maieſtie, and not ſold, as is abouеſaid, theſaid patentee, his heires, executours oz adminiſtratours ſhall content and paie to the king, after the rate of twentie peres purchaſe, ſo that theſame pzofe and decree bee had and made in maner and fourme abouеſaied, within .x. peres next after the date of theſaid letters patentes.

¶ Cap. ix.

¶ An acte foz the vnityng of certaine churches within the citie of Yozke.

WHere in the auncient citie of Yozke and ſuburbes of theſame there is many pariſhe churches, whith heretofoze, the ſame beeyng well inhabyted and repleniſſhed with people, was good and honeſt liuynges foz learned Jucumbentes, by reaſon of the pzeue tythes of the riche marchantes, and of the offeryinges of a great multitude: whiche liuynges is now ſo muche decayed by the ruine and decaie of theſaied citie, and of the trade of marchandiſe there, that the reuenues and pzofites of diuerſe of theſame benefices are at this pzeſent, not aboue the clere perely value of .xxvi.s. viii.d. ſo that a great ſozt of them are not a competent and honeſt liuing foz a good curate: yea, and no perſon wyll take the cure, but that of neceſſitie there is ſome chaunttie Pzieſt, oz els ſome late religious perſone beyng a ſtypendarie taken and appointed to theſaid cure and benefice, whiche foz the moſte parte are vnlearned and very ignozaunt perſones, not hable to do any parte of their duties. By reaſon whereof theſaied citie is not onely repleny ſhed with blinde guydes and Paſtours, but alſo

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the people muche kept in ignorance, aswell of their duties towardes god as also towardes the kynges maiestie, and the common wealth of this realme, and to the great daunger of their soules: In cõsideration wherof, and for the better relief and order of thesaied citie, it maye please the kynges maiestie by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of thesame, that from henseforth it shalbe lawfull to the Maiour, and Recorder of thesaid citie, and to the ordinary or his deputie, and iustices of peace in thesaid citie, to vnite and knit together thesaid parishes into fewer number, that is to wete, so many of thesaied parishes into one parishe, as to them shalbe thought conuenient to be a liuyng for one honest incumbent, so the clerks yerely value of one parishe excede not xx. li. by yere, and so to proceede through thesaied citie and suburbes of thesame. And that it shall be lefull for thesaid Maiour, Recorder and Aldermen, to pull downe the churches, whiche they shall thinke superfluous in the said citie and suburbes of thesame, and to bestowe thesame towarde the reparacions and enlargement of the other churches, of the bridges in the said citie, and to the relief of the poore people. And further, that thesaied Maiour, Recorder, Ordinarie, or his deputie, and vi. Iustices of peace beyng Aldermen, shall allotte and appoint the presentment and patronage of the churche so vnyted to the patrons of all the churches, to knit in one parishe, that they maie make their presentmentes by turne, euery one according to their quantites of his former patronage.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all suche incumbentes of the churches aforesaid, that shall be put doune by vertue of this act, shall haue the yerely value of their benefices after the rate they do paie tithes during their lifes, so they will do seruice therfore in the churche appointed for the parishe churche, according to their former duties: And if they refuse to serue, then they onely duryng their lifes to haue the third part of the value as is aforesaid, and to be paied at the handes of the incumbent of the parishe churche to be appointed.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the incumbentes of euery suche churche, whiche, by vertue of this acte shall be made and ordeined for the parishe churche, and wherunto any other parishe or parishes shalbe vnited, shall, after the vnion therof, yerely paie the tenthes to be due for thesame to the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours, of thesame churche and of all other churches therunto vnyted and annexed. And thesaid incumbentes of the parishe church so vnited, to haue his allowance of the incumbentes of the churches so vnited therunto, duryng their seuerall lyfes, according to the rate and portion of the churches so vnited as shalbe assigned by the aboue said persones, hauyng auctoritie by this acte to vnite thesame. And the successor and successors of euery suche incũbent, of euery such churche, as shalbe made the parishe church, and wherunto any churche or parishe shalbe vnited,

by force of this act, shall pay or compound for the first fruites therof at euery auoydaunce before his induction to the same, according to suche yerely value, as suche Churche or churches, as shall be made a parishe churche, and whereunto any churche or churches, parishe or parishes, shalbe united by force of this act, shalbe of at the time of the union therof, and as if it had been of suche like yerely value at the time of making of the statute for first fruites and tenthes, and of no greater value: any ordinaunce, statute or lawe, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Cap. 2.

¶ An act for exigentes and proclamacions in Wales, and in the countie Palentine of Chester, and also in the citie of Chester.

WHere in the high court of parliament, holden at Westminster the .xxvii. yere of the most prosperous reign of the late famous kyng Henrie the eight, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons assembled in the said high court of parliament: It was enacted and established by auctoritie of the same Parliament, that his highnes dominion and principalitie of Wales, and all manours, landes, tenementes, and other dominions, within the said dominion and principalitie of Wales, should be diuided into twelue shires or coũties, that is to sai: the shires or counties of Glamorgan, Radnour, Brecknock, Karmerthyn, Penbroke, Cardygan, Merioneth, Mongomery, Flynt, Carnaruan, Anglesie, and Denbigh, in euery of whiche said counties and shires, emongest the officers yerely appointed, it was then ordeined, that there should be distinct and seuerall shrifes yerely: and also where the counties Palentine of Chester and of the citie of Chester, be auncient and seuerall counties palentine of themselfes, to all whiche said counties, the kinges writ hath not, nor yet doth not runne: So that the proclamacion awarded by pon any exigent agaynst any person or persones, in any accion, wherein processe of outlary doth lie, according to the statute made in the .vi. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng, cannot be directed vnto the shirife or Shirifes of any of the said shires or counties, but vnto the Shirife of the countie next adioynyng: So that the partie dwellyng in any of the said shires or counties, against whom any suche exigent and proclamacion shall bee so awarded, shall not nor can haue any knowledge of the same suite, or processe, by reason wherof, many of the persons inhabityng in the said Shyres and counties, without knowledge, or cause of suite, haue been wrongfully and vniustely vtlaged, to their vtter vndoyng: Be it therfore, and for diuerse other good cõsiderations, by the kyng our souereigne Lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, enacted, ordeined, and established, that if, and when soeuer any writ of exigent, at any time after the first date of Aprill next cõmyng, shalbe awarded at the suite of the kyng, or of any other person,

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or persones, plaintife, or plaintifes, in any accion or suite, in any of the courtes of our said souereigne lord the kyng, his heires, or successours, commonly called the kynges Benche, and the common place, against any person, or persons, dwellyng in any of the aforesaid counties in Wales, or in the said counties Palentine of Chester, or the citie of Chester, or in any of them: that then immediatly vpon the awarding of euery suche exigent, the Justice, or Justices, before whom any suche writ of exigent, vpon suche suite or accion shall be sued, shall haue full power and auctorite to award one writ of proclamation, according to the tenour and effect of proclamations awarded vpon exigentes, directed out of any of the said courtes in London, against any person, dwellyng in any other shire, where the kynges writ is currant, according to the order & forme of the said statute made in the first yere of the said late kyng, to be directed to suche of the aforesaid shirifes of any of the aforesaid counties in Wales, and of the counties Palentine of Chester, and of the citie of Chester, for the time being, where it shall happen the said defendant, against whō any suche accion shall be sued, as is aforesaid, to be dwellyng: And that euery suche writ of proclamation shal haue the same teste and date of returne, as the exigentes, whereupon euery suche writ of proclamation shall be awarded, shall haue: And that euery suche shirife, to whom any suche writ of proclamation shall be directed, shall make proclamatiō of the said writ of proclamatiō, according to the tenor of the same, & shall make true returne of the same, in suche court, and before suche iustices, as the tenor of the same writ, shal require and demaund. And that all outlaries hereafter to be promulged or pronounced, against any person or persons, vpon any suche exigent or exigentes, awarded against any person or persons, dwellyng in any of the said counties of Wales, and the counties Palentine of Chester, and of the citie of Chester, and no writ of proclamacion awarded in forme aboue said, to the shirife or shirifes of the cōtie, where the partie defendaunt shall be, as is aboue said dwellyng, or not returned, to be clerely voide, and of none effect, nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that all and euery Shirife and Shirifes, of euery of the said counties of Wales, and of the counties Palentine of Chester, and the citie of Chester aforesaid, shall haue in euery of the said courtes of the kynges Benche, and of the Common place, one sufficient deputie at the least, to receiue all writtes directed to suche the Shyrife or Shyrifes, for whom the same deputie or deputies shall be appointed, in lyke maner and fourme, and vpon lyke peynes, as by the former statutes and lawes of this realme, other shyrifes of other shires or counties within this realme of England, be bounden to haue, in either of the same courtes: and that all writtes of Proclamation aforesaid, shall be deliuered vnto euery suche deputie of record in the same courtes: and also lyke fees shall be paied for makyng euery suche writte of proclamation, and for entrollyng the same of record, as is

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limited in the said statute, made in the said sixte yere of the reigne of our said late souereigne lord kyng Henry the eight.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person dwellyng in any of the saied counties of Wales, after the aforesaid first day of Aprill, shalbe outlawed in any sutte or action aforesaid, that the writtes of speciall Capias utlagat, single Capias utlagat, nō molestand. and all other processe, for, or against any person outlawed, shall, & maie from thencefoorth be directed to the shirife of any of the saied counties in Wales, as immediate officers to the kynges said courtes, of the kinges benche or common place in that behalfe: and that euery suche writtes maie be deliuered of record, to the deputie of suche of the saied shiriffes, to whom any suche writte or processe shalbe directed, and that euery suche shirife shall make execucion and returne of euery suche writ of processe to hym directed, vpon lyke peine and penaltie as is aboue limited.

And be it further enacted and established, that if any such writ or writtes of proclamacion hereafter directed to any of the shyriffes, of any of the said shires in Wales, or counties Palentine of Chester, or of the citie of Chester, be deliuered vnto any of the said shirifes for the time beyng, or to his or their deputie, in maner and forme aforesaid: and the same shirife or shirifes, do not make true returne of euery suche writ and writtes of proclamacion, into suche courte and courtes, out of whiche the saied writ or writtes of proclamacion shall be awarded: that for euery suche fault of none returne, euery suche shirife for the time beeyng, shall loose and forfet. x.li. the one halfe therof shall be to our souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heyres and successours: the other halfe to any suche person or persons as will sue for the same in an action of debt, grounded vpō this acte in any of the kynges courtes of record, wherin none essoyne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe allowed or admitted.

Prouided alwaies, this acte, or any thyng therin conteined, shall not in any wyse extende, or be preiudiciall to the same counties of Wales, or to the said counties Palentine of Chester, or of the citie of Chester, for, or concernyng suche liberties, fraunchises, or priuileges, as belong to them, or any of them, or to any ministers or officers of them, or any of them, otherwise, or in any other maner then by the true meanyng of this acte, is before prouided and declared: any thyng in this acte mencioned, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act ne any thyng therin conteined, shall not in any wyse be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any lord, marcher in Wales, but that they and euery of them, and their heyres, and the heires of euery of them, shall and maie haue lyke libertee, interest and preheminēce, as they, and euery of them, had, might, or ought to haue had before the makyng of this act, and as though this act had neuer been had ne made: any thyng in this act mencioned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng.

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Cap.xi.

An acte for the repeale of a certaine statute, made in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of the late kyng of moste famous memorie, Henry the. viii, for reuokyng of actes of Parliament.

WHere in the parliament begonne at Westminster the xxviii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of famous memorie kyng Henrie the eight, it was enacted by the auctoritie of the saied Parliament that if the Emperiall croune of this realme, after the decease of the said late king, should discend come or remaine to the heires of our saied late souereigne lord, or to any person to be limited by his highnes, as of very right, it must and ought to do, according to the lawes of this realme, established for the same, the said heires or suche person, beyng within thage of. xxiii. yeres, and that then any act or actes of parliament, should happen to be made and established in any parliament, that then should be holden before suche heire or heires, person or persons, then beyng in possession of the saied croune, should be of their full ages of. xxiii. yeres, that then euery suche heire or heyres of our said late souereigne Lorde, or suche person, so possessed of the croune, beyng within the same age of. xxiii. yeres, should haue full power and auctoritie at all tymes, after they should come to their said full ages of. xxiii. yeres, by their letters patentes, vnder the great seale of Englãd to reuoke, adnull, and repell, all & singuler suche actes made and established by their royall assentes, in any parliamẽt holden, duryng the tyme, that they were within their said age of xxiii. yeres, their royall assentes had to the same, duryng the tyme, that they were within the said age of. xxiii. yeres, or any acte or actes thereafter to be made, to the contrary therof notwithstandyng. And it was also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that euery suche repeale, adnullacion, and reuocacion of any act or actes that should be made and established in any Parliament, holden before the time that such heires or person possessed of the croune, should be of the saied age of. xxiii. yeres, should be as good and effectuall, to all intentes and purposes, as though it had been done by the auctoritie of Parliament, as in the said act is more plainly declared: Sith the makyng of whiche estatute, it hath pleased almightie God to take vnto his mercie, our said late souereigne lord kyng Henry the. viii. Our now most gracious and deere souereigne liege lord, kyng Edward the vi. his sonne and heire (whose like God long preserue) now beyng aboue the age of. x. yeres, and vnder the age of. xi. yeres: duryng whose minoritie, as the comunen wealth of his highnes realmes of England and Irelande, and of all the dominions and countreis of the same, is, and moste necessarily ought to be prouided for, maintayned, and preserued: so is it the naturall duetie of euery good, true, and louyng subiect, to applie him self with all his power and diligẽce, to studie, muent, and practise by all waies, meanes, and maners, for the conseruacion of the same. And for

aſmuche as for the preſeruacio of the royal eſtate of our ſaid ſouereigne lord the kyng that now is, and the ſafegard and ſuertie of his moſt roiall perſon, and for the good tranquillitie, quietnes, reſt and peace of his ſaid realmes, countreis, dominions and ſubiectes, aſwell wholſome lawes and ſtatutes are to be ordeined, eſtabliſhed & prouided, as alſo ſome lawes and ſtatutes to be repeled & adnulled, as the cace ſhall require, accordyng to the diſpoſicion of the people, whiche cannot take any good effect or ſucceſſe, without actes and prouiſios of parliament to be made, before their ages of xxiii. yeres: And for that it ſhould ſeme vnto all me, that the good intencion, meanyng and purpoſe of the ſaid late kyng, and of the makers of the ſaid eſtatute, was not, that good and wholſome lawes, whiche ſhould be made, prouided and ordeined, for the good gouernaunce of the realmes and dominions abouеſaid, durыng the time that any kyng of this realme, ſhould be within the ſaied age of .xxiii. yeares, ſhould from the time of the deceaſſe of the auncеſtor or progenitor of any ſuche kyng, within the age of .xxiii. yeres, at the tyme of the death of the ſaid auncеſtor or progenitor, vntill the age of .xxiii. yeres, of any ſuche king, be made, demed and adiudged to be voide by any ſuche letters patentes, to all intentes and purpoſes, as thoughe they neuer had been made, but that the ſaid actes and euery of them, and all and euery thing and thinges vſed, committed, doen, ſuffered, or executed by auctoritie of the ſame, ſhould be good, auailable and perfite in the lawe: And that the ſaid reuocacion, adnullacion, and repeale, ſhould be taken to make void the ſaid actes, and euery of them onely, from the tyme of the ſaid reuocacion, adnullacion and repeale, and not otherwiſe: The contrary entendement and expoſicion whereof, might otherwyſe, not onely diſcourage all ſubiectes, durыng that tyme, and thoſe yeres, to endeuor themſelfes, to, and for the aduiſyng, ſettyng forth, and conſentyng to the makyng of good and wholſome lawes: but alſo ſhould cauſe the ſaied ſubiectes to adiudge and thinke themſelfes to liue for that time, vnder no maner of certaintie or aſſuraunce of any poſitiue law, or ſtatute, durыng that time to be made or prouided: Be it therefore enacted, by the kyng our ſouereigne lord, with the aſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctheritie of the ſame, that the ſaid act of parliament aboue recited, made in the ſaid .xxviii. yere of the reigne of the ſaid late kyng, and euery woord, article, clauſe, mater, ſentence, and thyng therein ſpecified and conteyned, ſhall by auctheritie of this preſent Parliamente, be, to all intentes, conſtructions and purpoſes, vtterly voide, adnulled, repeled, and of none effect, and as though the ſame had neuer been had ne made. Neuertheles to the intent the kynges Maieſtee our ſouereigne Lord, may haue power, auctheritie, preheminence and prerogatiue at his full age of .xxiii. yeres, or at any time after, at his libertie and pleaſure, to repeale all ſtatutes and actes of parliament, aſwell made in this preſent parliament,

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as hereafter in any other Parliament to be holden, before he shall accō-
plishe thesaied age of.xxiiij.yeres,to bee made or ordeined,accordyng to
the true intent and meanyng, of the makers of thesaied former statute:
be it further ordeined and enacted,by thaucthoritee of this present Par-
liament,that our saied souereigne lorde the kyng,that now is,at his full
age of.xxiiij.yeres,or at any tyme after,and all,and euery heire and hei-
res,of thesaied late Kyng,and other persone and persones,to whom,the
Emperiall croune of this realme,shal hereafter discend,come,or remain
by thappoynctmēt of thesaid late kyng,in that case prouided and made.
then beyng within the age of.xxiiij.yeres,shall haue full power and au-
cthoritee,by vertue of this present act,at all tymes,after he,or thei shall
come to his,or their full age of.xxiiij.yeres,by his,or their letters Patē-
tes,vnder the greate seale of Englande, to repeale all and singuler acte
and actes,or any of theim,as be, or shalbe made,or established,by his or
their royall assentes,in any Parliament holden,or to be holden,duryng
the tyme that he,or thei was,wer,or shalbe,within thesaied age of.xxiiij.
yeres,other then this present act of Parliament,and other then all par-
dons graunted,and to be graūted,within thesaid seuerall ages of.xxiiij.
yeres,by aucthoritee of Parliament,so that thesame repele be made and
vsed,in maner and forme hereafter folowyng , that is to saie,that euery
suche letters patentes of repeale,shall contein all suche actes, as shalbe
repelled,and shalbe solēply and openly proclaimed, in the kynges court
of Chauncery,betwene the houres of.ix.and.xi.before none,at thre seue-
rall daies,in euery of two of the.iiij.vsual termes,to be holden at West-
minster,or els where,within this realme of Englande,and also one time
in euery countie of this realme, and in Wales,at the seuerall Assises,to
bee holden in thesame seuerall counties, betwene like houres, and that
then after.xl.daies,next after suche proclamacion,in all and euery place
and countie abouesaied, so had and made, thesaied letters Patentes of
repeale,to take their force,strength and effect,and not before,or from a-
ny other tyme or ceason,nor in any other maner or fourme. And that all
and euery suche act and actes,aswell made in this Parliament,as here-
after to bee made, within thesaied age of.xxiiij.yeres, of our souereigne
lorde the Kynges maiestie, that now is,as in the tyme of any of thesaied
heire or heires,or other thesaied persone or persones, then beyng in pos-
session,of the imperiall croune of this realme,and vnder the age of.xxiiij
yeres,shalbe good and effectuall,to all intentes,construccions and pur-
poses, vntill thesaied letters Patentes of repeale, Proclamacions,and
xl.daies,shalbe so had,made,runne,and past: and that all and euery act
and actes,thyng and thynges, vsed,had,committed,doen,suffred or exe-
cuted,by the aucthoritee of thesaied acte or actes,or any of them,within
any of thesaied ages of.xxiiij.yeres,accordyng to the purport,tenor,and
effect of thesaied act or actes,or any of theim,shalbe good and effectuall
for euer,thesaid repeale so to be made,in anywise notwithstandyng,and

that all and euery persone and persones, bodies politique and corporat, shall, and maie by the aucthoritee of this present act, from tyme to tyme, aswell after thesaied repeale as before, plead, or alledge, for his or their defence, excuse, indempnitie, profite, benefite, or aduauntage, all and euery suche act or actes, or any of theim, so reuoked, adnulled or repelled, or to bee reuoked, adnulled, or repelled, for, concernyng, or in anywise touchyng any thyng or thynges, had, vsed, graunted, suffered, possessed, committed, doen, or accrued by thaucthoritee, sufferaunce, or force of thesaid act and actes, or any of theim, before the reuocation, adnullacion, or repealyng of thesame, in suche, and as ample maner and forme, as if thesaied act and actes, so to bee reuoked, adnulled or repelled, and euery of them, had stande in his, and their full strength, force, and effect, and as if thesaied acte or actes, had neuer been reuoked, adnulled, or repelled: any thyng in suche repeale conteined notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it also ordeined and enacted, by thaucthoritee aforesaied, that no kyng, or kynges of this realme, shall haue aucthoritee, power or prerogatiue, to repelle any acte of Parliament or statute, that shalbe made in the time of any kyng, before thesaid age of xviii yeres, other then suche, as be, or shalbe made in his awne time: any thyng aboue mencioned, to the contrary in anywise notwithstandyng.

¶ The. xvi. Chapiter.

¶ An act for the repeale of certain statutes, concernyng treasons, felonies, &c.

NOthyng beyng more godly, more sure, more to be wished and desired, betwixt a prince, the supreme hedde and ruler, and the subiectes, whose gouernor and hed he is, then on the Princes parte, greate clemencie and indulgencie, and rather to muche forgeuenesse and remission of his royall power, and iust punishement, then exact seueritie and iustice to be shewed: and on the subiectes behalf that thei should obeye rather for loue, and for the necessitie and loue of a kyng and Prince, then for feare of his streight, and seuere lawes: yet suche tymes, at some tyme commeth in the common wealth, that it is necessary and expedient, for the repressyng of the insolencie and vnrulines of men, and for the foreseyng and prouidyng of remedies, against rebellion, insurrection, or suche mischifes (as God some tyme with vs displeased, for our punishement doeth inflicte and laie vpon vs, or the deuill at Gods permission, to assaie the good and Gods elect, doth sowe, and sette emonges vs) the whiche almightie God, with his help and mannes policie, hath alwaies been content and pleased, to haue staied, that sharper lawes, as a harder bridle, should be made, to staie those men, and factes, that might els be occasion, cause and aucthors of further inconuenience the whiche thyng caused, the prince of moste famous memory, kyng Herry the eight, father to our saied souereigne lorde the kyng, and other his highnes progenitors, with the assent of the nobles and commons, at diuerse Parliamentes, in their seuerall tymes holden, to make and enacte

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certain lawes and statutes, whiche might seme and appere to men of exterior realmes, & many of the kynges maiesties subiectes, very streight, sore, extreme and terrible, although thei wer then, when thei were made, not without great consideracion and pollicie, moued and stablished, and for the tyme, to thauoydaunce of further inconuenience, very expedient and necessary. But as in tempest or winter, one course, & garment is conuenient, in calme or warme weather, a more liberall vse, or lighter garnement, bothe maie, and ought to be followed and vsed: so we haue seen diuerse streight and sore lawes, made in one Parliament, the tyme so requiryng, in a more calme and quiet reigne of another Prince, by the like aucthorities and parliament, repelled and taken awaie. The whiche moste high clemencie and royall example, of his maiesties moste noble progenitors, the kynges highnes, of his tender and godly nature, moste geuen to mercie and loue of his subiectes, willyng to folowe, and perceiuyng the harte and sincere loue, that his moste louyng subiectes, both the lordes and commons, doeth beare vnto his highnes, now in this his maiesties tender age, willyng also to gratifie the same therfore, and myndyng further to prouoke his saied subiectes, with indulgencie and clemencie, shewed on his highnes behalf, to more loue and kyndnes towardes his Maiestie (if it maie be) and vpon truste that thei will not abuse the same, but rather be encouraged thereby more faithfully, & with more diligence (if it maie be) and care for his Maiestie, to serue his highnes now in this his tender age, is contented and pleased, that the seuerities of certain lawes here folowyng, be mitigated and remitted: bee it therefore ordeined and enacted, by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with thassēt of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by thauctholitie of the same, that from hencefurthe, none act, dede, or offence, beyng by act of parliament or statute, made treason, or petit treason, by wordes, writyng, ciphryng, dedes, or otherwise whatsoeuer, shalbe taken, had, demed, or adiudged to be high treason, or petit treason, but onely suche as be treason or petit treason, in, or by the act of parliament, or statute, made in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of the most noble kyng, of famous memory, kyng Edward the .iii. touchyng, or concernyng treason, or the declaracions of treasons: & suche offences as hereafter shall by this present act be expressed and declared, to be treason, or petite treason, and none other, nor that any peines of death, penaltie or forfeicture, in anywise insue, or be, to any of the offendors, for the doyng or committyng any treason or petit treason, other then suche as be in the saied estatute made in the saied .xxv. yere of the reigne of the saied kyng Edward the .iii. or by this present estatute ordeined and prouided: any acte or actes of parliament, statute or statutes, had, or made at any tyme here tofore, or after the saied .xxv. yere of the reigne of the saied late kyng Edward the thirde, or any other declaracion or matter, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

And also be it enacted, by the aucthoritee aforesaied, that all actes of parliament and estatutes, touchyng, mencionyng, or in anywise concernyng religion or opinions, that is to sate, aswell the statute made in the firste yere of the reigne of the Kynges noble progenitor, Kyng Richard the second, and the statute made in the second yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the. v. and the statute also made in the. xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry theight, concernyng punishment and reformacion of heretiques and lollardes, and euery prouision therin conteined, and the statute made for thabolishment of diuersitie of opiniōs, in certain articles concernyng christian religion, commonly called the. vi. articles, made in the Parliament begon at Westminster the. xxviii. daie of Aprill, in the xxxi. yere of the reigne, of the moste noble and victorious prince, of moste famous memory, kyng Henry the eight, father to our moste dread souereigne lorde the kyng that now is, and also thact of parliament and statute, made at the parliament, begon at Westminster, the. xvi. daie of January, in the. xxxiii. yere of the reigne, of thesaid late kyng Henry theight and after that proroged vnto the. xxii. daie of January, in the. xxxiiii. yere of the reigne of thesaid late kyng Henry theight, touchyng, mencionyng or in anywise concernyng bokes of thold and new testament in English and the Printyng, vtteryng, sellyng, geuyng, or deliueryng of bokes, or writynges, and reteinyng of English bokes or writynges, and readyng preachyng, teachyng, or expoūdyng of scripture, or in aniwise, touchyng mencionyng, or concernyng any of thesame matters. And also one other statute, made in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxv. yere of the reigne, of thesaid late kyng Henry theight, cōcernyng the qualificacion of the statute of vi. articles and al and euery other act or actes of parliament, concernyng doctrine, or matters of religion, and all & euery branche, article, sentence and matter, peines & forfeitures, conteined, mēcioned, or in aniwise declared, in any of thesame actes of parliament, or estatutes, shal frō hencefurth be repelled, & vtterly voyde & of none effect.

And be it further ordeined and enacted, by the aucthoritee aforesaid, that all offences made felony, by any act or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, made sithence the. xxiii. daie of Aprill, in the firste yere of the reigne of thesaied late kyng Henry theight, not beyng felony before, and also, all and euery the braunches and articles mencioned, or in any wise declared, in any of thesame statutes, concernyng the makyng of any offence or offēces, to be felony, not beyng felony before: and all peines and forfeictures, concernyng thesame, or any of them, shall, from hencefurth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

And bee it also ordeined and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that one act made in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the xxxi. yere of the reigne of thesaid late kyng Henry the eight, that Proclamacions made by the kynges highnes, by thaduise of his honorable counsaill, should be obeyed and kept, as though thei were made by aucthori-

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of a parliament: and also one other act,made in the parliament,holdē in the xxiij.yere of the reigne of thesaid late kyng Hēry theight,for the due execution of thesaid proclamacions:and also, al & euery braūche article and matter in thesame statutes,and euery of thē mencioned or declared shall,from hencefurth be repelled,and vtterly voyde,and of none effect.

And be it enacted,by the aucthoritie aforesaid,that if any persone or persones,at any tyme after the first daie of Marche. nexte commyng,by open preachyng,expresse wordes or saiynges,do affirme,or setfurth,that the kyng,his heires,or successors,kynges of this realme,for the time beyng,is not,or ought not to be supreme hed in yerth,of the churche of Englande and Ireland,or any of them, immediatly vnder God,or that the bishop of Rome,or any other person,or persones,other then the kyng of England,for the tyme beyng,is,or ought to be by the lawes of God,supreme hed of thesame Churches, or of any of them:or that the kyng his heires or successours, kynges of this realme, is not,or ought not to bee kyng of Englande,Fraunce and Ireland,or of any of them:or after the saied first daie of Marche,do compasse,or immagin by open preachyng, expresse wordes,or saiynges, to depose or depriue the kyng,his heires, or successors,kynges of this realme,from his,or their royall estate,or tities,to,or of the realmes aforesaied, or do openly publisshe,or saie by expresse wordes or saiynges,that any other person,or persones,other then the kyng,his heires,or successors,kynges of this realme,of right ought to be kynges of the realmes aforesaid,or any of them,or to haue and enioye thesame,or any of them:that then euery suche offendor,beyng therof duly conuicted,or attainted by the lawes of this realme,their aidors, comfortors,abbettors,procurors,and counsailors,for his or their suche first offence,shall lose and forfaict to the kyng,all his,and their goodes, and cattals, and also shall haue and suffre imprisonment,of his & their bodies,at the kynges will and pleasure. And if any persone,beyng once conuicted or attainted,of any of thesaid offences,shall,after his said cōuiccion or attaindor, eftsones commit or perpetrate, any of the offences before mencioned, other then suche,as bee expressed in thesaied estatute, made in thesaid.xxb.yere of kyng Edward the.vj.and shalbe therof duly conuicted or attainted, by the lawes of this realme: that then euery suche offendor, their aidors,conforters, abbettors,procurors and counsailors,for his,or their said second offence or offences, shall lose and forfaict to the kyng,the whole issues and profites of all his,and their lādes tenementes,and other hereditamentes,benefices,prebendes,& other spirituall promocions,for terme of life,of suche offendor or offendors:and shall also lose and forfaict to the kyng,al his and their goodes,and cattals,and also suffre,duryng his and their lifes,perpetuall imprisonmēt, of his and their bodies. And if any persone,beyng twoo tymes hereafter conuicted,or attainted of any of thesame offences,shall,after his said second conuiccion or attainder,eftsons commit or perpetrat again,any of

theſaid offences, to be therof duely conuicted or attainted, by the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme: that then euery ſuche third offence, or offences, ſhalbe demed and adiudged high treaſon, and the offendor or offendors, their aidors, comfortors, abbettors, procurors and counſailors, beyng therin conuicted or attainted, accordyng to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, ſhalbe demed and adiudged high traitors, and ſhall ſuffre peines of death, and loſe and forfeict all their goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in caſes of high treaſon.

And be it further enacted, by thaucthoritie aforeſaid, that if any perſone or perſones, at any tyme after theſaid firſt date of Marche next cõmyng, by writyng, printyng, ouert deede or acte, do affirme, or ſet further, that the kyng of this realme, for the tyme beeyng, is not, or ought not to be ſupreme hed in yearth, of the churche of England and Ireland, or of any of thẽ, immediatly vnder God: or ſhall, by writyng, printyng, ouert deede, or act, after theſaid firſt date of Marche: affirme, or ſetfurthe, that the biſhop of Rome, or any other perſon or perſons, other then the kyng of Englande, for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God or otherwiſe, the ſupreme hed in yearth, of theſame churches, or of any of them: or do, after theſaied firſt date of Marche, compaſſe or immagin, by writyng, printyng, ouert deede or act, to depoſe or depriue the kyng, his heires or ſucceſſors, kynges of this realme, frõ his, or their royall eſtate, or titles of the kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, or of any of them: or by any writyng, printyng, ouert dede or act, do affirme, that any other perſone or perſones, other then the kyng, his heires and ſucceſſors is, or of right ought to be kyng of the realmes of Englande, Fraunce, or Ireland, or to haue and enioye theſame, or any of theim: that then euery ſuche offẽce and offences ſhalbe demed, and adiudged high treaſon, and thoffendor and offẽdors, their aidors, comforters, abbettors, procurors, and counſailors, therein conuicted or attainted, accordyng to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, ſhalbe demed and adiudged high traitors, and ſhall ſuffre peines of death, and loſe & forfeicte all their goodes and cattals, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in caſes of high treaſon.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, by thauctheritee aforſaid, that this eſtatute, or any thyng therin conteined, ſhall not in anywiſe extende to repell, adnull, or make fruſtrate or voyde, any act or actes of Parliament, ſtatute or ſtatutes, made, concernyng the counterfeictyng, or forgyng of any of the coynes of this realme, or of the coyne of any other realme or realmes, currãt within this realme, or for clippyng, waſhyng or filyng any of theſaid coynes, or for, or concernyng the bryngyng into this realme, of counterfeicte money or coyne: ne to any ſtatute, made in the .xxvii. yere of theſaied late kyng Henry theight, concernyng the falſe forgyng and counterfeictyng of the kynges ſignes manuell, priuey ſignate, or priuey ſeale, ne to their counſailors, procurors, aidors, and abbettors, nor to any article or braunche, concernyng theſame offences, or

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any of theim, conteined in thesame statutes, or any of them.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any the heires of the kyng, our said souereigne lorde that now is, or any person or persones, to whom the croune and dignitie of this realme is limited and appoynted by act of parliamēt, made in the .xxxv. yere of the reigne of thesaied late kyng Henry the eight, or the heires of any of them, do, at any tyme hereafter, vsurpe the one of them vpon the other, in the croune of this realme, or demaunde, chalenge, or claime thesame, otherwise, or in any other forme or degree of discent, or succession, or in any other course forme, degre, or condicion, but onely in suche maner and forme, as is declared by thesaied estatute: or if any of thesaied heires, or persones aforesaied, do interrupt or let the kynges highnes that now is, peaceably and quietly to kepe, haue, and enioye thesaied Imperiall Crouncthat then, all and singuler the offendors, their aidors, comfortors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors therein, shalbe demed and adiudged high traytors, and shall suffre, and incurre the peines of death, losse and forfeictures, as is aforesaied, in cases of high treason.

And it is further ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaid, that no person or persons, that heretofore hath been, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe, in due forme of the lawes, attainted or conuicted of murder or malice prepensed, or of poysonyng of malice prepensed, or of breakyng of any house, by date or by night, any persō beyng then in thesame house where thesame breakyng heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbe committed, and heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbe, thereby put in feare or dread, or of, or for robbyng of any person or persons, in the high way or there to the high waie, or for felonious stealyng of horses, geldynges, or mares, or of felonious takyng of any goodes, out of any parish churche, or other churche or chapell, or beyng indicted or appealed of any of thesame offences, and therupon found giltie, by verdict of .xij. menne, or shall confesse thesame, vpon his or their arreignement, or will not answere directly, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, or shall stand wilfully, or of malice mute, shall not be admitted to haue or enioye, the priuilege or benefite of his clergie or Sanctuary, but shalbe put from thesame: and that in all other cases of felony, other then suche, as before mencioned, all and singuler persone and persones, whiche after the first daie of Marche next commyng, shalbe arreigned or founde giltie, vpon his or their arreignemēt, or shall cōfesse thesame, or stand mute, in forme aforesaied: or will not answere directly, in forme abouesaied, shall haue and enioye the priuilege and benefite, of his or their clergie, the libertie and priuilege of Sāctuary, in like maner and forme, as he or thei might or should haue dooen, before the .xxiij. daie of Aprill, in the first yere of the reigne of thesaied late kyng Henry the eight.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that all clauses, articles and sentences, mencioned or specified, in any acte or

actes of parliament, statute or statutes, made in the tyme of the reigne of thelated late kyng Henry theight, touchyng, or in any wise concernyng, any maner of chalenge, for the Countie, Hundreth, or Peremptory chalenge, or any of them, or touchyng, or in any wise concernyng, any maner of trial of forein pleas, pleaded by murderers, felons, or other offendors, shall, as concernyng thesaid chalenges and trials, remain in their force and strength, not repelled, any thyng in this acte mencioned, soundyng or lemyng to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it ordeined and enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that this act of parliament, or any thing therin mencioned, as cõcernyng the repeale of any estatute, or estatutes made touchyng treason, or misprision of treason, shal not in any wise geue any maner of benefit, aduauntage, or commoditie, to any persone or persones, beyng the last daie of October last past, arrested, or imprisoned for treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason, or to any persone or persones, heretofore beyng indicted of treason, petite treason, or misprision of treason, or to any other persone or persones, beyng likewise conuicted, outlawed, or attainted of treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason: or beyng fled beyonde the seas, or into Scotland, before thelaied last daie of October last past, for any treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason: but that thei, & euery of them, shall suffre suche peines of death, losses and forfeictures of landes & goodes, as in cases of treason, as though this act had neuer been had or made: any thyng in this act to the cõtrary, in anywise notwithstãdyng: & that the lawes & statutes repelled by this act, shal stand against them, & euery of thẽ, in full strength, vertue, force, and effecte, concernyng al & euery offence by them, or any of them, heretofore committed or doen

Prouided also, and be it ordeined and enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that all wilfull killyng, by poysonyng of any persone or persones, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe doen, perpetrated, or committed, shalbe adiudged, taken and demed, wilfull murders of malice prepẽsed: and that the offenders therein, their aydors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors, shall suffre death, and forfeict in euery behalfe, as in other cases of wilfull murder, of malice prepensed.

And ouer that, be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that in all and euery case and cases, where any of the kynges maiesties subiectes, shall, and maie vpon his praier, haue the priuilege of clergie, as a clerke conuict, that maie make purgacion in all those cases, and euery of them and also in all, and euery case and cases of felony, wherein the priuilege and benefite of clergie is restreined, excepted, or takẽ away by this estatute, or acte (wilfull murder, and poysonyng of malice prepensed, onely excepted) the lorde and lordes of the Parliament, and pere and peres of the realme, hauyng place and voyce in Parliament, shall, by vertue of this present act, of common grace, vpon his, or their requeste or praier, allegyng that he is a lorde, or pere of this realme, & claimyng the benefite

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of this act, though he cānot read, without any burnyng in the hand, losse of inheritaunce, or corrupcion of his bloud, be iudged, demed, taken and vsed for his first tyme onely, to all intentes, construccions and purposes as a clerke conuict, and shall in case of a clerke cōuict, whiche may make purgacion, without any further or other benefite, or priuilege of clergie, to any suche Lorde or pere, from thencefurthe at any tyme after, for any case to bee allowed, adiudged, or admitted, any lawe, statute, vsage, custome, or any other thyng, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, that if any of thesaied lordes of the Parliament or any of the peres of this realme, for the tyme beyng, shall fortune to be indicted, of any of the offences limited in this act: that then, thei and euery of them, shall haue, his or their triall, by their peres, as it hath been vsed heretofore, in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted, by aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persōs, that by this statute, or by any other statutes or lawes of this realme ought to haue, or be admitted, to the benefite of his, or their clergie: that thesame persone and persones, shalbe from hencefurthe admitted and allowed, to his, or their clergie, although thei, or any of thē, haue been diuerse and sundery tymes maried, to any syngle woman, or syngle women, or to any widowe, or widowes or to twoo wifes, or mo: any law statute, or vsage, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

And ouer that, it is ordeined and enacted, by thaucthoritie aforsaid, that albeit any person or persones, of what estate, condicion, or degre, he or thei be, shall hereafter fortune to be attainted, conuicted, or outlawed of any treason, petit Treason, misprision of Treason, murder, or Felony whatsoeuer, yet that notwithstandyng, euery woman, that is, or shal fortune to be wife, of the persone so attainted, conuicted, or outlawed, shalbe endowable and enabled to demaunde, haue and enioye her dower, in like maner and forme, as though her husbande had not been attainted, conuicted, or outlawed: any statute, lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng. Sauyng to all and euery other persone and persones, bodies politique and corporate, their heires and successors, and to euery of theim, other then to suche offendor or offendors, as shalbe attainted, conuicted, or outlawed, all suche right, title, interest, entree, leases, possessiō, condicion, profite, commoditie, and hereditamentes, as thei or any of theim had, or should, or of right ought to haue, before, or at the tyme of thesaied attainder, conuiccion, or outlagary.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that one act made at the Parliament holden at Westminster, vpon diuerse prorogaciōs, the iiij daie of February, in the xxvij. yere of thesaid late kyng Henry theight, and there continued and kept, vntill the. xxiiij. daie of Aprill then next ensuyng, cōcernyng and touchyng the felonious takyng awaye by any seruaunt, the goodes or cattalles, of the Master or Maistres, and all Articles and Sentences, conteined in thesame Acte, shall

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ſtande, bee, and remain in full ſtrength, force, and effecte, in ſuche maner and forme, as it did before the makyng of this preſent acte, the repeale, or reuocacion of the actes abouesaid, to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwaie, and be it enacted by thauthoritee abouesaid, that no perſone or perſones, ſhall in anywiſe be empeched, or put to anſwere for any of thoffences abouesaid, cõcernyng treaſons, by open preachyng or wordes onely, onelesse the partie offendor, or offendors, be thereof accuſed, within .xxx. daies next after the ſame open preachyng or wordes, ſo ſpoken or declared, if that cuſtors ſhall fortune to be within this realme, duryng the ſaid ſpace of .xxx. daies next after the ſaid offence cõmitted, or doen. And if the accuſors ſhall happen to be out of this realme, duryng the ſaid ſpace of .xxx. daies: then the partie or parties ſo offendyng, ſhalbe accuſed, as is aforeſaid, within ſixe monethes, next after the ſame preachyng, or wordes ſpoken or declared: or els the partie or parties, ſo offendyng, their aidors, comforters, abbettors, and counſaillors, or any of them, not to be empeached or put to anſwere for any ſuche offence, or offences: and that the ſame accuſacion, or accuſacions, ſo to be had, made & declared, ſhalbe made to one of the kynges counſail, or to one of the kynges iuſtices of aſſiſe, or els to one of the kynges iuſtices of peace, beyng of the Quorum, or to two iuſtices of the peace, within the ſhire, wher the ſame offence or offences, ſhal happen to be doen or cõmitted: any thyng conteined in this act, to the cõtrary therof in anywiſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, and be it declared and enacted, by the auctho̅itee abouesaid, that concelement, or keppyng ſecrete any high treaſon, ſhalbe from henceforth adiudged, demed and taken miſpriſion of treaſon, and the offendor therein, ſhal forfaict and ſuffre, as in caſes of miſpriſion of treaſon, as heretofore hath been vſed: any thyng abouemencioned to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, and be it declared and enacted, by the auctho̅itee abouesaid, that this act, or any thyng therein conteined, ſhall not extende to charge, or make any perſone or perſones, to be offendor or offendors, in any of the articles abouesaied, for callyng, namyng, ſaiyng, writyng, or Printyng the Frenche kyng, for the tyme beeyng, by the name of the kyng of Fraũce, or Frenche kyng: any thyng abouedeclared and enacted, to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted, by the auctho̅itee aforeſaied, that no perſone or perſones, after the firſt date of Februarie nexte comyng, ſhalbee indicted, arreigned, condempned, or conuicted, for any offence of treaſon, petit treaſon, miſpriſiõ of treaſon, or for any wordes beforе ſpecified, to be ſpoken after the ſaied firſt date of Februarie, for whiche the ſame offendour, ſpeaker, offendors, or ſpeakers, ſhall in any wiſe ſuffre any peines of death, imp̃ſonmẽt, loſſe, or forfaicture of his goodes, cattalles, landes or tenementes: onleſſe the ſame offendor, ſpeaker, offendours, or ſpeakers, be accuſed by twoo ſufficient and lawfull witneſſes

neſſes, as ſhall willyngly, without violence, confeſſe theſame.

The.xiii. Chapiter.

An act for a ſubſidy of tonnage and poundage of merchaundiſes, with a prouiſo for the confirmacion of the priuileges of the merchauntes of the Stilyard whiche prouiſo ſhall indure but onely to thende of this parliament.

MOſt their moſte humble wiſe, ſhewen vnto your moſte excellent Maieſtie, your poore Commons, in this your preſent parliament aſſembled, that where aſwell your moſte dereſt father, of famous memory, kyng Henry the eight, as alſo your moſte worthy graundfather kyng Henry the vii. and other your noble progenitors kynges of this your realme of England, tyme out of mynd, haue had graunted vnto them, and enioyed of the cõmons of theſame realme, for the tyme beeyng, by auctho[r]itee of Parliament, for the defence of theſame, now your realme, and the keppyng and ſafegard of the ſeas, for thentercourſe of merchaundiſe, ſafly to come into theſame your realme, & to paſſe out of theſame, certain ſomes of money, named ſubſidies, of all maner of goodes and merchaundiſes, commyng in, or goyng out, of theſame your realme: and foraſmuche, as wee your ſaid poore commons, haue perceiued your maieſties good fauour and wil towardes vs, your ſaid poore cõmons, had aſwell in the defence of vs, and this your realme, againſt your rebels the Scottes, as alſo the keppyng and ſure defendyng of the ſeas, againſt all perſones, intendyng the diſturbaunce & inuaſion, of this your realme, and vs your ſaid commons, to our great comfort & reioyſyng, as cauſe requireth, and to your maieſties great coſtes, charges, and expenſes, and alſo not doubtyng the ſequele of theſame, if nede ſhall require: we therefore your ſaid poore cõmons, as bounden of duetie, humbly deſire your excellent maieſtie, benignely and fauorably to take, accept and receiue theſe our poore graunt[e]s hereafter inſuyng, as graunted of true hartes and good willes, whiche we beare to your highnes, towardes your ſaid greate coſtes, charges and expenſes, aſwell heretofore expended and laied out, as hereafter by your maieſtie for the cauſes aforeſaied, when nede ſhall require, to be expended & laid out, as the firſt fruictes of our good willes and hartes towardes your highnes, although theſame do, or hereafter ſhall, nothyng in effect counteruaile your ſaid coſtes, charges and expenſes, whiche we be not able fully to gratifie by any meanes. Firſte, wee your poore commons, by the aduiſe and aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and tẽporall, in this your preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctho[r]itee of theſame, to thintent aforeſaied, geue and graunt to you our ſaid ſouereigne lorde, one ſubſidy called tonnage, that is to ſaie, of euery tunne of wyne commyng, or that ſhall, or is come into this your realme, by waie of merchaundiſe, the ſome of.iii.s. and ſo after the rate: and of euery tunne of ſwete wine, aſwell malmeſey as other, that ſhall, or is come into theſame your realme, by euery, or any merchant alien, aſwell by the merchãtes of

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Haunſe and Almain, as by any other merchaunt ſtraunger, of what nacīō ſoeuer he be. iii.s. and ſo after the rate, ouer and aboue the. iij.s. afore graunted And of euery awlne of renyſhe wine commyng or that ſhall or is come into this your realme, by waie of merchaundiſe by euery or any Merchaunt denilon or alien, of what nacion ſoeuer he be. xij.d. And alſo one other ſubſidy called poūdage, that is to ſay, of all maner of goodes and merchaundiſes, of euery merchaunt denilon and alien, whatſoeuer he be, caried or to be caried, out of this your ſaid realme, or brought or to be brought into theſame, by waie of merchaundiſes, of the value of euery. xx.s. of theſame goodes and merchaundiſes. xij.d. and ſo after the rate. And of. xx.s. value of Tinne and Pewter veſſell, caried out of this your realme, by any and euery merchaunt alien xij d ouer and aboue the xij.d. aforeſaid Except alwaies and forpriſed, out of this graunt of ſubſidy of poundage, all maner of wollen clothe, made and wrought, or that ſhalbe made and wrought, within this realme of Englande, and by euery, or any merchaunt denilon, and not borne alien, caried or to be caried, out of this your ſaied realme, and all maner of wolle, wolfelles, and hydes, and backes of Lether, alſo caried, or to bee caried out of this your realme: and all wines, and all maner freſhefiſhe and beſtiall, commyng, or that is, or ſhall come into theſame your realme.

And further, we your ſaied poore commons, by the aduiſe, aſſent, and aucthoritee aforeſaied, geue and graunt, vnto you our ſaied ſouereigne Lorde, for the cauſes aboue reherſed, one other Subſidy of all maner of wolle, wolfelles and lether, caried, or to be caried out of this your realme in maner and forme folowyng, that is to ſaie, of euery merchaunt denilon, of, and for euery ſacke of woll. xxxiij.s. iiii.d. And of euery. cc. xl. wolfelles, xxxvi.s. iiii.d. And, of, and for, euery laſt of hides and backes, of euery ſuche merchaunt denilon. iii.l. vi.s. viii.d. And alſo of euery Merchaunt ſtraunger, not borne your liege man, aſwell thoſe that bee made denilons, as hereafter ſhalbe made, by letters Patentes or otherwiſe, as all other merchaunt ſtraungers, of, and for euery ſacke of wolle. iii.l. vi. s. viii.d. And, of, and for euery. cc. xl. wolfelles. iii.l. vi.s. viii.d. And alſo, of euery laſt of hides and backes. iii l. xiii.s. iiii.d. And ſo of all theſaied wolles, wolfelles, hides and backes, and euery of the, after the rate that ſo is, or ſhalbe caried: to haue, take, enioye and perceiue the ſubſidies aforeſaid, and euery of them, & euery part or percell of them to your highnes, frō the firſt day of your moſt noble reigne, during your life natural.

And further, we your ſaid poore commons, moſte humbly deſire your maieſtie, that it maie be enacted by your highnes, by thaduiſe and aſſent of the lordes aforeſaied, and vs your ſaied commons, and by the forſaid aucthoritee of this preſent Parliament aſſembled, that the giftes and grauntes aforeſaied, ſhalbee good and effectuall, accordyng to the true meanyng of theſame. And that it maie be further enacted, by the aucthoritee aforeſaied, that if any wines, goodes, merchaundiſes, wolles, wolfelles,

felles,hydes and backes of lether aforesaid,or other thynges afore specified,wherof the subsidies aforesaid,or any of them,is or shalbe hereafter due,shall at any time hereafter, duryng the time aforesaied,be shipped or put into any boate,crayer,ship or vessell,to that intent to be caried into the partes of beyond the sea,orels be brought from the partes of beyonde the sea,into any port,hauen,creeke, or other place of this your realme by waie of marchaundise,and there laied on lande,the Subsidie aforesaid of thesame(due or to be due by reason of this graunt)not paied, or the collectour of thesame Subsidie not agreed with for thesame, accordyng to the true meanyng and intent of these aforesaid grauntes, and euery of them:that then from the first date of Marche next comyng and not before,all the saied wynes,goodes,marchaundises,wolles,wolfelles, hydes and backes, and other the premisses aforesaied, and euery part and parcell therof so shipped,or els put into any boate,crayer,or other vessell aforesaid,to thintent aforesaid, or brought into this realme, and there laied on lande,as is also aforesaid,shall remain forfet to your highnes duryng the tyme aforesaid:the one moytie therof,or the value therof to your highnesse,and the other moytie to hym or them that shall seaze thesame or sue for thesame. And that it mate please your highnesse that all marchantes,aswell denizens as straungers,commyng into this your realme,be well and honestly intreated and demeaned, as they were in the time of your aforesaid noble progenitours,without oppression to them to be doen,paiyng the Subsidies abouesaid.

And further,that itbe enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid,that if any goodes,marchaundises,wolles,wollefelles or leather aforesaid,or any part therof,of any marchaunt denison,naturally borne your liege man, whiche shall passe out of this your said realme,after thesaid first day of Marche,duryng the terme of this gifte and graunt, shall happen to be taken with enemies or pyrates vpon the sea,or perished by infortune in any ship or shippes,that shall happen to be taken or perished within the tyme of thesaid graunt,wherof the Subsidies aforesaid or any of them to your highnes due or to be due,is or shall be in forme aforesaid duely paied or agreed for,without fraude or collusion,and suche losse or losses as been before thearles,be found and proued before the Threasorer of England,or the chiefe Baron of your Eschequer for the time beyng,by the examination of thesame marchauntes,if thei be on liue,or of their executours or administratours,if they be dead,or two true credible persones sworne,or other reasonable witnesses and proues sworne,witnessing thesame merchaundises so to be lost or perished:that then thesame merchauntes denizons, that were or shall be owners of the aforesaid goodes,merchaundises,wolle,wollefelles,hydes,or other merchaundises aforesaied,as shall be so perished or lost, if they be on liue,or their executours and administratours,if they be dead, and euery of them,by force and vertue of this acte when them lyketh, duryng the saied terme, shall

nowe ship asmuche wolle, wolfelles, hydes or other merchaundise in the same port or portes, in whiche the same wolle, wollefelles, hydes or other goodes and merchaundises aforesaid, so lost and perished, were or shalbe shipped without any of the subsidies aforesaid now graunted, to be had or payed therefore to you in any wyse, and that all suche profites of the premisses so to be lost or perissshed, be certified into your Chauncerie, by your said treasorer or chief Baron there to remaine of record, and after suche certificat made, the chauncellour of England, or the lord keper of your great seale, for the time beyng, do make and deliuer vnto the saied merchauntes, their executours or administratours, or any of them, or to their attorney or to their attorneis in that behalf or any of them, as many and suche writtes and warrantes, to be directed as well to the collectours of the subsidies aforesaid, or any, or euery of them for the tyme beyng, as to the treasorer and barons of your eschequer for the time being, as shalbe requisite and nedefull for the said merchantes, their executors or administratours, or their attorney or attorneis, or any of thrim, or the said collectours or any of them, to haue for the obteinyng, as well of the shippyng, as of allowaunce therof: And further that euery merchant denizen, that shall ship hereafter any wolle, wolfelles, hydes, or any other gooddes and merchaundises in any carricke or galley, shall pay to your Maiestie duryng the tyme aforesaid, all maner of customes and all the subsidies aforesaid, as any alien borne out of this your realme.

Prouided alwaies, that no act, statute or ordinaunce, had, made or to be made in this present Parliament, be in any wyse hurtfull or prindiciall vnto the merchauntes of the Hanse in Almaine, hauyng the howse in the citie of London, commonly called Guilhalda Theutonicorum, nor to any fraunchises, liberties or priuileges to them or their predecessors before this tyme had, agreed, graunted or confirmed, nor to any lawfull vsages by them or by their predecessors before this tyme vsed, but that the saied merchauntes and their successours, haue, holde and enioye all their saied fraunchyses, lybertees, and free vsages, according to suche grauntes, confirmacions and agrementes, as by the Kyng and his noble progenitors Kynges of England haue been agreed, made and graunted, and had to the saied marchauntes or their predecessours, and according to their lawfull vsages in euery thyng, by whatsoeuer other name or names, the same marchauntes or any of them be called or named: any acte, statute, or ordinaunce made or to be made in this present Parliament to the contrary notwithstandyng: This present Prouiso to endure and continue vnto the ende of this present Parliament.

Cap. xiii.

An acte, whereby certain Chaunteries, Colleges, &c Chappelles, and the possessions of the same, be geuen to the Kynges Maiestie.

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The kynges moste louyng subiectes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente Parliament assembled, consideryng that a great part of Superstition and Errours in Christian Religion, hath been brought into the myndes and estimacion of menne, by reason of the ignorannce of their very true and perfecte saluacion, through the death of Jesus Christ, and by deuisyng and phantasiyng vain opinions of purgatorie, and masses satisfactorie, to be done for them, which be departed: The whiche doctrine and vain opinion, by nothyng more is maintayned and vpholden, then by the abuse of Trentalles, Chauntries, and other prouisions, made for the continuaunce of the saied blindenesse and ignorannce. And further consideryng and vnderstandyng, that the alteration, chaunge, and amendement of thesame, and conuertyng to good and Godly vses, as in erectyng Grammer schooles to the education of youth in vertue and Godlinesse, the further augmentyng of the vniuersities, and better prouision for the poore and nedie, cannot in this present Parliament be prouided and conueniently doen, nor cannot, ne ought to any other maner person be committed, then to the kynges highnesse, whose Maiestie, with, and by the aduise of his highnesse moste prudent Counsaill, can and will moste wisely, and beneficially, both for the honour of God, and the weale of this his maiesties realme, order, alter, conuerte, and dispose thesame. And callyng further to their remembraunce, that in the parliament holden at Westminster the.xxxvii. yere of the reigne of our late souereigne Lord kyng Henry the eight, father to our moste dread and naturall souereigne Lorde the kyng, that nowe is, it was ordeined, enacted, and established emongest other thynges, that all and singuler Colleges, fre Chappels, Chaunteries, Hospitalles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guyldes, and other promotions, mencioned in the saied former acte, had or made, to haue continuaunce in perpetuitie for euer, and then beyng, or that had, or ought to be contributorie or chargeable to the payment of the first fruites and tenthes, accordyng to the lawes and statutes in that behaulfe had and made; by what name, surname, degree, or corporacion, they, or any of them, were founded, ordeined, established, erected, named, called, or knowen: and all and singuler the mansion houses, manours, ortechardes, gardens, landes, tenementes, pastures, woodde, waters, rentes, reuercions, seruices, cõmons, tithes, pencions, porcions, churches, chapelles, aduousions, nominacions, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, condiciõs, leetes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, then apperteinyng or belongyng, or that did apperteine or belong, or were assigned or appointed, to any such college, frechapell, chauntrie, hospitall, fraternitie, brotherhed, guilde, stypendarie priest, or other thesaied promocions, or to any of them, or accepted, knowen, or taken as part, parcel or membre of them, or of any of them: and to thesaid

colleges, chauntreis, frechappelles, hospitalles, fraternities, brotherhed, guylo, stypendarie prieſtes, or other promocions, or to any of them vnited or annexed: whiche betwene the. xiii. date of Februarie, in the. xxbii. yere of the ſaid late kynges reigne, and the. xxb. date of Decembet in the xxxbii. of his graces reigne, by reaſon of any entree, expulſion, bargain, ſale, feoffement, fine, recouerie, leaſe, or other conueighance therof made, were diſſolued, determined, or relinquiſhed, by any of the waies, meanes or conueighances, mencioned in the ſaid act, or otherwyſe, other then ſuche of them, as then were in the poſſeſſion of the ſaied late kyng, or that were graunted or aſſured by his licence, agrement, conſent, or letters patentes, to any perſon or perſones, or then had been lawfully obteined, or recouered by any perſon, by any former right, or title, without fraude or couin, or by the kynges licence, ſhould from thencefoorth by aucthoritie of the ſame former acte, be adiudged and deemed, and alſo be in the very actuall and reall poſſeſſion and ſeaſon of the ſaied late kyng, and of his heires and ſucceſſors for euer: in as large and ample maner, as the ſaid prieſtes, wardens, maſters, miniſters, gouernors, rulers, or other incumbentes, or any of them, or the patrons, donours, or foundours of any of them at any time ſithens the ſaied fourth date of Februarie, in the. xxbii. yere aforeſaid, had, occupied or enioyed, or then had, occupied, or enioyed the ſame, and as though all and ſinguler the ſaid Colleges, chauntries, Hoſpitalles, free Chapelles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other the ſaied promocions, and the ſaid manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premiſſes whatſoeuer they be, and euery of them, had been in the ſaied former act, ſpecially, particularly, and certainly reherſed, named, and expreſſed, by expreſſe wordes, names, ſurnames, corporacions, tytles, and faculties, and in their naturall kyndes and qualities: the ſaid entrees, expulſions, bargaines, ſales, fynes, feoffementes, recoueries, or other aſſuraunce, and conueighaunce whatſoeuer they were, had, or made (excepte before in the former acte excepted) to the contrary notwithſtandyng. And where alſo it was enacted and graunted by the ſaid late kyng, by the ſaid former act, that the ſame late kyng duryng his naturall life, might make, and direct his commiſſion, and commiſſions, vnder his great ſeale, to enter into all and ſinguler ſuche and as many Chauntries, free Chapelles, Hoſpitalles, Colleges, and other the promocions mencioned in the ſaid former act, and into all and ſinguler ſuche manours, manſions, houſes, meaſſes, landes, tenementes, paſtures, wooddes, waters, rentes, reuercions, ſeruices, poſſeſſions, and other hereditamentes whatſoeuer, or into any parte, or pertell therof, in the name, ſeaſon, and poſſeſſion of all the hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongyng, or apperteinyng to any Chauntrie, Hoſpitall, free Chapell, College, Fraternitie, Brotherhed, Guilde, or other the ſaid promocions, or wherof any prieſtes, prouoſtes, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbentes of them, or any of them, by what name, ſurname, degree, tytle,

title, or corporacion, they, and euery of theim, or any of theim were founded, erected, ordeyned, established, named, called, or knowen, then had, or enioyed, or that hereafter should haue or enioye, to the saied chauntries, hospitalles, free chappelles, colleges fraternities, brotherheddes, guyldes, or other the saied promocions, that then were chargeable to the payment of the first fruites and tenthes: and all colleges that were chargeable, or not chargeable to the saied payment of the first fruites and tenthes, as is aforesaid, or to any of them, as should be named, expressed and appointed in the said commission or commissions: and to seise and take the same chauntries, hospitalles, colleges, free chappelles, fraternities, brotherheddes, guyldes, and other the saied promocions, manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses mencioned in the saied commission or commissions, and in euery of theim, and euery parte, parcell, and membre of thesame, into the Kynges possession and handes: to haue and to holde the same to the saied late Kyng, and to his heires and successors for euer, as by the saied former acte, emongest other thynges, more at large appeareth: it is now ordeined and enacted by the Kyng our souereigne Lord, with the assent of the lordes and commons in this presente Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of thesame, that all maner of colleges, free chappelles, and chauntries, haupng, beyng, or in esse, within fiue peres next before the first date of this present Parliamente, whiche were not in actuall and reall possession of the said late kyng, nor in the actuall and reall possession of the Kyng our souereigne lorde that now is, nor excepted in the saied former acte, in forme aboue saied, other then suche, as by the Kynges commissions in fourme hereafter mencioned, shall be altered, transposed or chaunged: and all manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pencions, porcions, and other hereditamentes, and thynges aboue mencioned, belongyng to them, or any of theim: and also all manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes, and thynges aboue mencioned, by any maner of assurance, conueighaunce, wyll, deuise, or otherwise, had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, geuen assigned, limited, or appointed, to the fyndyng of any Preest, to haue continuaunce for euer: and wherewith, or whereby, any Preest was susteyned, maintayned, or found, within fiue peres nexte before the first date of this present parliament, which were not in the actuall and reall possession of the said late kyng, nor in the actuall and reall possession of our souereigne Lord the Kyng that now is: and also all annuall rentes, profites, and emolumentes, at any tyme within fiue peres next before the begynnyng of this present Parliament, employed, payed, or bestowed, towarde, or for the maintenaunce, supportacion, or fyndyng of any stypendarie Preest, intended by any acte, or writyng to haue continuaunce for euer, shall, by the authoritie of this present Parliament, immediatly after the feast of Easter next comyng, be adiudged and deemed, and also be in the very actuall and reall possession and seasion of the

Kyng our souereigne lorde, and his heires and successors for euer, without any office or other inquisicion thereof to be had or founde, and in as large and ample maner and forme, as the Priestes, Wardens, Masters Ministers, Gouernors, Rulers, or other incumbentes of them, or any of theim, at any tyme within fiue yeres nexte before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, had, occupied, or enioyed, or now hath, occupieth, or enioyeth the same, and as though all and synguler the sayed Colleges, free Chapelles, Chauntries, Stipendes, Salaries of Priestes, and the saied Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer they be, and euery of them, were in this present act specially, perticularly, and certainly rehearsed, named, and expressed, by expresse woordes, names, surnames, corporacions, tytles, and faculties, and in their natures, kyndes, and qualities.

And ouer that, be it ordeigned and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that where any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pencions, Porcions, rentes, profites, or other Hereditamentes, by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, will, deuise, or otherwise, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, were geuen, assigned, or appoincted, to, or for the maintenaunce, sustentacion, or findyng of one priest or of diuerse priestes for terme of certaine yeres yet continuyng, and that any Priest hath been mainteined, susteyned, or found with the same, or with the reuenues, or profites therof, within fiue yeres last paste, that the Kyng, from the saied feast of Easter nexte commyng, shall haue and enioye, in euery behalfe, for, and duryng all suche time to come euery suche, and like thynges, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, profites and emolumentes, as the priest or priestes, ought, or should haue had, for, or toward his, or their mainteinaunce, susteinaunce, or findyng, and for no lenger, or further tyme, nor for any other profite, auauntage, or commoditie thereof to be taken.

Prouided alwaies, and it is ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that when and assone as the tyme assigned, for the maintenaunce, sustentacion, or findyng of the Priest or Priestes shall be expired and runne: that then it shall be lawfull to euery persone, and persones, to whom any manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, porcions, pencions, rentes, and other hereditamentes, or any of theim, should haue belonged or apperteigned, if the saied former act and this act had neuer been had or made, to enter into, take, perceiue, haue and enioye the same, without any maner of leueiry, ouster le mayne, peticion, or other suite to be made to the Kyng, in lyke maner, forme, and condicion, to all intentes, construccions, and purposes, as though the said former act and this act, had neuer been had, or made, and as though the Kyng had neuer had any season or possession therof: Any thing in the said former act, or in this act, to the contrarie in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And be it ordeined and enacted, by thauetoritie of this present Parliament,

liament, that the kyng our souereigne lorde, his heires and successours, from the said feast of Easter nexte commyng, shall haue, hold, perceiue, and enioye for euer, all landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes, whiche by any manet of assuraunce, conueighaunce, willes, will deuise, or otherwyse, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffered, knowe-ledged, or declared, were geuen, assigned, or appointed, to go, or be emploied wholly to the findyng, or mainteinaunce of any Anniuersarie, or Obite, or other lyke thyng, entent, or purpose, or of any lighte or lampe, in any Churche or Chapell, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche hath been kept or mainteined, within fiue yeres next before the said first date of this present Parliament.

And also, that where but part of the issues or reuenewes of any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or other hereditamentes, hath by any of the waies or meanes aboue said, been geuen, assigned, or appointed, to be bestowed or employed, to the findyng or maintenaunce of any anniuersarie or Obite, or other lyke thyng, intente, or purpose, or of any lyghte or lampe, in any Churche, or Chapell, and to haue continuance for euer: that then our souereigne Lord the kyng, shall, from the said feast of Easter next commyng, for euer haue, perceiue, and enioie, euery suche summes of monie, that in any one yere within fiue yeres nexte before the first date of this present Parliament, hath been expended and bestowed about the findyng or mainteinaunce of any suche Anniuersarie, or Obite, or other lyke thyng, intente, or purpose, of any lyghte or lampe, to him, his heires, and successours for euer, as a rent charge to be payed yerely, at the feastes of Sainct Michaell the Archaungell and the Annunciacion of our Ladie Sainct Marie the virgin, by euen portions, in the kynges court of the Augmentacions, and reuenewes of his crowne or in any other Court, or Courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoint. And that it shall be lawfull to our said souereigne Lord the kyng, his heires, and successors, for none paiment of any suche summe or summes of money, to distreine in the said Manours, landes, and tenementes, of the issues and reuenewes, whereof the said Anniuersarie or Obite, or other lyke thyng or any suche Light or Lampe was founde, sustained, or mayntained. And that for lacke of sufficient distresse, in, or vpon any of the premisses, wherof any of the said yerely rentes, or summes of monie should be payed by the space of one moneth nexte after, that any of the said rentes should be paied, and be not paied within the said moneth: that then it shalbe lawfull, to, and for our souereigne lord the kyng his heires, and successours, by vertue of this present acte, to enter into, and to haue, and possede, as muche of the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, wherof the said rent or rentes, should be leued or payed, as the rent or rentes that should be leuyed or paied out of the same, dooeth or shall amount or come to in yerely value, and the same landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes to holde and kepe, and to haue our said soue-

reigne lord the kyng, his heires and assignes for euer, or for suche estate as our souereigne lord the kyng, his heires, or successors, had, or ought to haue had, of, or in the said rent or rentes.

And it is also ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that our souereigne Lorde the kyng, shall, from the said feast of Easter nexte commyng, haue, perceiue, and enioye all and singuler suche summes of moneie, profittes, commodities, and emolumentes, whiche by vertue of any maner of assurannce, conueighaunce, composicion, will, deuise, or otherwyse, heretofore haue been geuen, assigned, limited, or appointed, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche in any one yere, within fiue yeres next before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, haue been paied bestowed, or employed, by any maner of corporacions, guyldes, fraternities, companies, or felowshippes, of mysteries or craftes, or any of theim, beyng in England, Wales, and other the kynges dominions, or by the maisters, wardens, gouernours, or other officers, or ministers, or by the maister, warden, gouernour, or other officer or minister of them, or any of them, toward or about the findyng, maintenaunce, or sustentacion of any priest, or priestes, of any annuelarie, or obite, lampe, lyghte or lightes, or other lyke thyng, as is aforesaied, to our said souereigne Lord the kyng, his heires, and successours for euer: to be paied yerely, as a rent charge, at the feastes of sainct Michaell the Archaungell, and the Annunciacion of our Ladie, by euen portions, in the kynges court of the Augmentacions, and reuenues of his croune, or in any other court or courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoinct. And that it shall be lawfull to our saied souereigne lord the kyng, his heires, and successors, for none paiment of any suche summes, or summe of money, profite, commoditie, or emolument, or for none paiement of any of them, to distreine in all the manours, landes, and tenementes, of euery suche craftes, corporacions, guyldes, fraternities, companies, or felowshippes of misteries or craftes, or any of them, by whom, or by the maisters, wardens, gouernors, or other officers, or ministers, or maister, warden, gouernour, or minister, of the whiche any suche summes or summe of money, profite, commoditie, or emolument, haue, or hath been payed, bestowed, or employed: And that al and euery of the said summes of money, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, shall, from the feast of Easter next commyng, without any maner of inquisicion or office, to be had or found, be iudged and demed, to be in the actual and reall possession of our said souereigne Lord the kyng, in like maner and forme, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if the same had been particularly and spetially mentioned in this present act.

And furthermore be it ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the kyng our souereigne Lord, shall, from the the said feast of Easter next commyng, haue, and enioye to hym, his heires and successours for euer, all fraternities, brotherheddes, and guyldes, beyng within the

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realme of England, and Wales, and other the kynges dominions: and all manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, belongyng to theim or any of theim, other then suche corporacions, guildes, fraternities, companies, and felowshippes of misteries or craftes, and the manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, pertenyng to the saied corporacions, guyldes, fraternities, companies, and felowshippes of misteries or craftes aboue mencioned: and shall, by vertue of this act, be iudged and deemed, in actuall and reall possession of our saied soueraigne Lord the kyng, his heires and successours, from the said feast of Easter nexte comyng for euer, without any inquisicions or office, therof to be had or found.

And also be it ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that our saied soueraigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, and successours, at his, and their wyll and pleasure, maie directe his, and their Commissions and Commission, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to suche persones, as it shall please hym: And that the same Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the least, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, and of the saied Commission, as well to Surueie all and synguler late Corporacions, Guyldes, Fraternities, Companies, and Felowshyppes of Mysteries, or Craftes Incorporate, and euery of theim, as all other the saied Fraternities, Brotherheaddes, and guildes, within the lymites of their Commission, to theim directed: And all the Euidences, Compositions, Bookes of Accoumptes, and other wrytynges of euery of theim, to the intente thereby to knowe, what money, and other thynges, was payed, or bestowed to the findyng or mayntenaunce of any Preist, or Prestes, Innuersarie, or Obite, or other lyke thyng, Light, or Lampe, by theim, or any of theim: as also to inquire, searche, and trie, by all suche waies and meanes, as to theim shall bee thought meete and conuenient, what Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, and other Hereditamentes, Profites, Commodities, Emolumentes, and other thynges, be geuen, lymited, or appointed, to our saied soueraigne Lord the kyng by this acte, within the lymites of their commission. And also that the same Commissioners, or two of theim at the least, by vertue of this acte, and of the Commission to theim directed, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to assigne, and shall appointe in euery suche place, where Guilde, Fraternitie, the Preist, or Incumbent of any chauntrie in esse, the first date of this present Parliament, by the foundacion, ordinaunce, the first institution thereof, should, or ought to haue kepte a Grammer schoole, or a Preacher, and so hath dooen, sithen the feast of Sainct Michaell the Archaungell laste past, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, of euery suche Chauntrie, Guilde, and Fraternitie, to remayne, and continue in succession to a Schoole Maister, or Preacher for euer, for, and towarde the keppyng of a Grammer schoole, or Preachyng, and for suche godly intentes and purposes,

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and in ſuche maner and fourme, as the ſame Commiſſioners, or two of theim at the leaſt, ſhall aſſigne or appoincte: And alſo to make and ordeyne a Vicare, to haue perpetuitie for euer, in euery pariſhe Churche, the firſt daie of this preſent Parliament, beyng a College, free Chapell, or Chauntrie, or appropried, annexed, or vnited, to any College, free Chapell, or Chauntrie, that ſhall come to the Kynges handes by vertue of this acte, and to endowe euery ſuche Vicare ſufficiently, hauyng reſpect to his cure and charge, the ſame endowement to be to euery ſuche Vycare, and to his ſucceſſours for euer, without any other licence, or graunt of the Kyng, the Biſhop or other officers of the Dioceſſe. And alſo the ſaied Commiſſioners, or two of theim at the leaſt, ſhall haue auctoritee by force of this acte, to aſſigne in euery great Towne, or Pariſhe, where they ſhall thinke neceſſarie, to haue mo Prieſtes then one, for the miniſteryng of the Sacramentes, within the ſame Towne or Pariſhe, landes, and tenementes, belongyng to any Chaunterie, Chappell, or ſtipendarie Prieſt, beyng within the ſame Towne or Pariſhe, the firſte daie of this preſent Parliament, to be to ſuche perſon and perſonnes, as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or two of theim at the leaſt, ſhall aſſigne, or appoincte to continue in ſucceſſion for euer, for, and towardes the ſufficient findyng, and mayntenaunce of one, or mo Prieſtes, within the ſame Towne or Pariſhe, as by the ſaied Commiſſioners, or two of theim ſhall bee thought neceſſarie or conuenient. And as well to make ordynaunces and rules, concernyng the ſeruice, vſer, and demeanour of euery ſuche Prieſt and Schoole mayſter as is aforeſaied, to be appoincted, as alſo, by what name, or names, he and they ſhall from henceforth be named and called. And alſo that the ſaied Commiſſioners, or two of them at the leaſt, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this act, and of the ſaied commiſſion to them directed, to aſſigne aſwell to euery Deane, Maiſter, Warden, Prouoſt, and other Incumbent, and miniſter of any of the ſaied Colleges, free Chappelles, or Chauntries, beyng within the lymites of their Commiſſion, whiche hereafter ſhall be diſſolued or determined by vertue of this acte, as to euery ſtypendarie Prieſt, and other Prieſte, whoſe Salarie the Kyng ſhall be intituled vnto, by this acte, as to euery ſelowe and poore perſon, hauyng yerely reliefe, out of any of the ſaied colleges, free chapelles, or chauntries, beyng within the lymites of their Commiſſion, ſuche ſeuerall yerely annuities, pencions, or other recompenſes, duryng their ſeuerall lyfes, as to the ſame Commiſſioners, or two of them, ſhall be thought meete and conuenient. And ouer that, the ſaid Commiſſioners, or two of theim at the leaſt, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the Commiſſion to theim directed, to inquire and trye, by ſuche waies and meanes as they ſhall thinke meete and conuenient, what monete, profite and benefite, any poore perſon or perſons, by vertue of any conueighaunce, aſſuraunce, compoſicion, wyll, deuiſe, or otherwyſe, heretofore had,

had.or made,intended,or meant to haue continuaunce for euer,had,or enioyed within fiue yeres,next before the beginnyng of this present parliament,out of any College,free chapell,or chaunterie, and other the premisses,geuen,limited,or appointed to the kyng,by this act,beyng within the limites of their commission: And thereupon,to make assignementes and ordets,in suche maner and forme, as all and singuler such said money,profite and commoditie, shall be payed to poore people for euer: Accordyng to suche saied assurauncez, composicion, wyll, deuise,or other thyng,had,or made for the same,and to assigne and appoint, landes, tenementes,or other hereditamentes,perteyll of the premisses for the maintenaunce and continuaunce of the same for euer, and also to appointe to fraternities,brotherheddes,and guyldes,landes, tenementes,and hereditamentes,perteyll of the premisses,towardes,and for the maintenance of piers,iuttes,walles,or bankes, against the rages of the sea,hauens, and creekes. And that all and singuler, annuities,pencions,and other recompenses,shalbe halfe yerely paied to the persones,to whom the same ought to be paied by the kynges Receiuour for the time beeyng, of his landes commonly called the suppressed landes,or other his reuenues,lying in the countie or citie, where suche college,free chapell,or chauntrie, or other the premisses,geuen,limited or appointed to the kyng, by this act,the first date of this present Parliament, were,or remained, without any fee,or rewarde,therfore to be payed: The first payment to begyn at the feast of saincte Michaell the Archaungell nexte commyng. And that euery suche receiuour,vpon his accompte, shall haue full and due allowaunce of all suche annuities,pencions, and other recompenses,by him payed,by vertue of any suche assignement to be made, by the saied commissioners,or two of them at the least.

And it is ordeined and enacted, by thauctoritie of this present Parliament,that the said cõmissioners,and euery of them, that shall take vpon him the execucion of any of the said cõmissions, shalbe bound, as he wyll answere before God,to execute the cõmission, to him and other directed, beneficially towardes the deanes,maisters,wardens,prouostes,& other incumbentes and ministers aforesaied,and towardes the poore people, concernyng the said assignementes,and also toward the maintenaunce of piers,iuttes, walles,or bankes against the rages of the sea,hauens,and creekes: And that all maner of assignementes & ordinauntes to be made by the said commissioners,or two of them at the least,and certified vnder their seales,by the seales of two of the at the least,into the kynges court of the augmentacions and reuenues of his crowne,or to any other court, or courtes,by the kynges maiestie to be made,or assigned,shall by vertue of this act,and of the said commissions, be as good and effectuall in the law to all ententes,constructions and purposes, as though the same had been assigned and ordeined by auctoritie of this present Parliament,by expresse and aper wordes,termes and sentences,

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Prouided also, that suche annuities, pencions, or other recompenses, that thesaid commissioners, or any of them, shall assigne or appoint to be paied yerely to any suche deane, master, warden, gouernour, or other incumbent, felow, or minister, shall not extend to any more clere yerely value, then suche deane, maister, warden, prouost, gouernour, or other incumbent, felow, or minister, or his predecessour, lawfully had, or enioyed, in money, meate, drinke, liuery, or allowaunce of thesame yerely, within fiue yeres, next before the beginnyng of this present parliament.

Prouided also, that if any of thesaid masters, wardēs, prouostes, gouernors, or other incumbētes, felow, or ministers, shall at any time hereafter, duryng his life, be promoted by the kyng to any benefice, or other spirituall promocio, beyng of a better clere yerely value the his said annuitie or pēcion, or other recōpense shalbe of: that then thannuitie, pēcion, or other recōpense, that any such deane, maister, wardē, gouernor, prouost, or other incūbēt, felow, minister, that so shalbe promoted, shal haue shall immediatly after suche promocion had, cease, & vtterly determine.

And be it ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that thesaid commissioners, or two of them at the least, to whom any commission, by vertue or meane of this act, shalbe directed and deliuered, shalbe bounden vpon the forfaiture, euery of theim of a hundreth poundes, to make certificat vnder their seales, or the seales of two of thē at the least, into thesaid court of the augmētations, and reuenues of the kynges croune, or into any other court, as is aforesaid, within one yere next after the commission to them directed, of all manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, porcions, pencions, hereditamentes, and recompenses, by thesame commissioners or two of them, assigned or appointed to any of the vses, intentes, or purposes, aboue mencioned.

And also be it ordened and enacted, by thauctoritie of this preſēt parliamēt, that our souereigne lord the kyng shall haue and enioie all suche goodes, cattals, iuelles, plate, ornamentes, & other moueables, as were or be the common goodes of euery suche college, chauntrie, frethappell, or stipendary preest, belongyng or annexed to the furniture or seruice of their seuerall foundacions, or abused of any of thesaide corporacions, in the abuses aforesaid, the propertie wherof was not altered nor chaūged before the. viii. date of Decembre, in the yere of our lord God. M. D. xl vii.

And it is also ordeined & enacted, by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that all suche debtes, and summes of money, as ought, or should without fraude or couin, hereafter be paied of the money or goodes of any of thesaid colleges, due, or payable, by reason of any cōtract, specialtie or promes, had or made, before thesame. vii. day, shall truely & fully be paied by the treasorer of the kinges court of thaugmētacions & reuenues of his croune, or by the treasorer or receiuer of any other court, to which any of the premisses shalbe appointed, of the kynges treasure, beyng in his or their handes, with as conuenient spede, as thesame may be paied.

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Prouided alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted, by thaucthoritee aforesaid, that this act or any article, clause or matter, conteined in the same, shall not in anywise extende to any college, hostell or hall, beyng within either of the vniuersities, of Cambridge and Oxford, nor to any chauntrie, founded in any of the colleges, hostels or halles, beyng in the same vniuersities, nor to the frechapell of saincte George the martir, scituate in the castell of Windesore, nor to the college, called saincte Mary college of Winchester, besides Winchester, of the foundacion of bishop Wikeham, nor to the college of Eton, nor to the Parishe churche, commonly called the chapell in the sea in Newton, within the Isle of Elie, in the countie of Cambridge, nor to any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to them or to any of them, pertenyng or belongyng, nor to any chapell, made or ordeined, for the ease of the people, dwellyng distant from the parishe churche, or suche like chapell, whereunto nomore landes or tenementes, then the churchyard, or a litle house or close, doth belong or pertein, nor to any Cathedrall churche or college, where a bishoppes sea is, within this realme of Englande, or in Wales, nor to the manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes of any of theim, other then to suche chaunteries, Obites, lightes and Lampes, or any of them, as at any tyme within .v. yeres, nexte before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, haue been had, vsed or maintained, within thesaied Cathedrall Churches, or within any of theim, or the issues, reuenues, or profites of any of thesaied Cathedrall churches, to whiche chaunteries, Obites, lightes and Lampes, it is enacted by the aucthoritee aforesaid that this act shall extende.

And it is ordeined and enacted, by thaucthoritee aforesaid, that our souereigne lorde the kyng, at any tyme, duryng his life (whiche GOD long preserue) maie at his will and pleasure, alter and chaũge the name or names, of all and synguler chaunteries, and the foundacions of the same, beyng in any of the colleges, hostelles, or halles, of any of thesaied vniuersities, accordyng as to his godly wisedome shalbe thought mete and conuenient.

Sauyng to all and euery persone and persones, bodies politique and corporate, their heires and successors, and the heires and successors of euery of them, other then the masters, wardens, ministers, gouernors rulers, priestes, incumbentes, felowes, and brethren of thesaied colleges chaunteries, frechapelles, and other the premisses, geuen, limitted or appoyncted to the kyng by this act: and the successors of theim, and euery of them, and other then suche as be, or pretende to be, foundors, patrons or donors of the premisses or any of them, or of any part or parcell therof, and the heires, successors and assignes, of euery, or any of theim: and other then suche, as be, or were feoffees, recoueries, conisies, grauntes, or deuisees of any of the premisses, to, or for any of the vses, purposes, or ententes aboue mencioned, or to the vse of any of thesaied colleges, fre-

chapelles, chaũteries, or other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appoyncted by this acte to the kyng, or to the entent to employe the rentes, or profites thereof, to the vse of maisters, rulers, incumbentes, or ministers of them, or any of theim and other thin suche persone and persones, and bodies politique and corporate, their heires, successors, and assignes, as claime or pretende, to haue estate, right, title, interest, vse, possession, or cõdicion, of, in, or to the premisses, or any parte or parcell thereof, by reason of any feoffement, fine, bargain and sale, or by any other waies, meanes or conueighaunce to theim made, of any estate of inheritaunce, without the said late kynges licence, assent, consent, or agrement, and without the licence, assent or agrement, of the kynges maieste that now is, by any of the said Deanes, maisters, wardeins, ministers, gouernors, rulers, priestes or incombentes, or by the foundors, donors, or patrons of them, or of any of them, all suche right, title, claime, possession, interest, rentes, annuities, commodities, commons, offices, fees, leases, liueries, kaynges, pensions, porcions, debtes, dueties, and other profites, whiche thei, or any of them lawfully haue, or of right ought to haue, or might haue had in, of, or to any of the premisses, or in, of, or to any parte or parcell thereof, in suche like maner, fourme and condicion, to all intentes, respectes, constructions and purposes, as if this act had neuer been had nor made and as though the said chaunteries, colleges, and other the said promotions, had still continued and remained, in their full beyng and sayng to all and euery patrone, donour, foundour, or gouernour of any suche college, chauntery, freechapell, stipendary priestes, and other, the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appoyncted to the kyng by this acte, and the donoure, feoffer, and geuer of the aforesaid landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to theim or any of theim, or to any vses, or purposes before mencioned, all suche rentes, seruices, rentes secke, rentes charge, fees, annuities, profites and offices: and also leases for terme of life, lifes, and yeres, whereupon the accustomed rent, or more, is reserued, as thei, or any of theim lawfully had, perceiued, and enioyed, in, oute, or of any the said promocions, or oute of any of the said Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, before the firste date of this present Parliament.

And ouer that, it is ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and euery person and persones, beyng in like whiche haue, or hath for any some of money, to hym or thẽ pated, bargained or solde, any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes aforesaid, wherunto the kyng our souereigne lorde is intituled, by vertue of this acte, shall repaie to suche persone, as so bought any of the said Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, or to his Executours or Assignes, vpon a requeste therefore made, or within three Monethes, then nexte ensuyng the same requeste, asmuche money, as he or thei receiued, for the sale of any thyng, so by hym or them solde.

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And for none payment therof, ſuche perſon and perſones as purchaſed, or boughte the ſaid landes, tenementes, and other the premiſſes, or any perrel therof, and their executours, & adminiſtratours, ſhalbe enhabled by the auctorite of this preſent parliament, to ſue, & maynteyne an action of debte, at the common lawes of this realme, againſt ſuch perſone or perſones, as ſo bargayned or ſolde to hym, or theim, or to their teſtatour any of the premiſſes, belongyng to any college, chauntrye, freechapel, or other promotion ſpiritual, in whiche action of debte, none eſſoyne, protection or wager of lawe ſhalbe admitted, or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctho̅rite aforeſaid, that all & euery of the ſaid chauntries, colleges, and freechapelles, & other the premiſſes, geuen, limited, or appointed to the kyng by this acte, and all the manſion houſes, manours, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, and hereditamentes, and other the premiſſes whatſoeuer they be, geuen, limited, and appointed to the kyng by this acte, and euery parte and percell of them, which by auctho̅rite and vertue of this acte, bene veſted, adiudged and demed, or ſhalbe in the kynges maieſties poſſeſſion and handes, or whiche the kyng ſhalbe entitled vnto, by vertue of this acte, ſhalbe in the order, Surueye and gouernaunce of our ſouereme Lorde the kynges courte of the Augumentations and reuenues of his crowne, or in ſuche other court, as the kyng at any time hereafter ſhall aſſigne, name, or appointe, and ſo ſhall and may be graunted, letten and ſet to the farme by the Chauncellour, officers and miniſters of the ſame courte, or of any other courte ſo to be appointed, in ſuche maner and forme, as other manours, landes, tenementes, appointed to the ſame courte of Augmentations, and reuenues of his graces crowne, or other courte ſo to be appointed, haue to be graunted or letten: And that all the farmes, yſſues, reuenues and profittes, comyng and growyng of the ſame premiſſes, and of euery parte therof, ſhalbe taken and receyued to the kynges vſe, by the officers and miniſters of the ſame courte, or courtes, in ſuche maner and fourme, as is vſed and had of other manours, landes, and tenementes, and of the yſſues, reuenues and profittes of the ſame, committed to the order, rule, ſuruaye, & gouernaunce of the ſaid courte of the augmentations and reuenues of the kynges crowne, or any other courte ſo to be appoineed: any acte, ſtatute, ordinaunce, cuſtome, or vſe, heretofore had, made, or vſed, to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

And it is further enacted by auctho̅rite aforeſaid, that if any of the ſaid maſters, wardens, miniſters, rulers, gouernours, prieſtes, Incumbentes, or myners of any ſuche college, chauntrye, freechapell, or of any the premiſſes, geuen, limited, or appointed to the kyng, by this acte, or of any of them, ſythens the .xxiij. daye of Nouember, in the .xxxvij. yere of the reigne of the ſayde late kyng, haue made any leaſe, vnder his, or their comon ſeale, or otherwiſe, for terme of yeres, life, or lyues, of their ſayd colleges, chauntryes, freechapelles, or of other the ſame premiſſes,

or of any parte therof, or of any manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, to theim, or to any of theim vnited, or annexed, belongyng, or appertenyng, vpon the which leasses, the vsual and olde rentes and termes, accustomed to be yelden and reserued, or more, by the space of twentie yeres next before the last day of Nouembre not reserued and yelden, shalbe vtterly voyde, and of none effecte: And that all other leases, and grauntes, heretofore made of any the premisses, geuen, limited, or appointed to the kyng, by this acte, shalbe as good, auayleable, and effectuall in the lawe, to all ententes, constructions, & purpoles, as yf this acte hadde neuer ben had or made, any thyng in this acte, or any other acte heretofore had or made, to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further ordeined and enacted, by the authoritie aforesaid, that this acte, or any thyng therin contetned, shal not extende to any manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes, which the said maisters, wardeyns, ministers, chauntrie prestes, Incumbentes, or other the said gouernours, officers, ministers, or rulers of the premisses, or of any of theim hath, or is, or hereafter shall haue, or be possessed, or seased of in fee simple, fee tayle, generall, or special, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, or otherwyse, to his, or their owne proper vses, by inheritaunce, or purchase: And not beyng at any time vnited, or annexed, to his, or their sayde colleges, freechapelles, chauntryes, or other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appointed to the kyng by this acte: nor shall extende to any manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, rentes, annuitye, or perelye pention, or pentions, or to any perelye summe, or summes of money, beyng not vnited, or peell of any the sayd colleges, and other the premisses aforesaid, or of any of theim, heretofore geuen, or graunted by the sayd late kyng, or geuen, or graunted, or hereafter to be geuen or graunted by the kynges moste gracious soueraigne lorde, to anye of the said Deanes, maisters, wardeyns, ministers, chauntrye prestes, Incumbentes, Gouernours, or rulers of the premisses, or of any of theim, for terme of lyfe onely, vnder his greate seale of Englande, or vnder the seale of the Court of the Augmentacions, and reuenues of the kynges crowne, or any other of the kynges seales, of anye of his Courtes: any thynge contayned in this Acte, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that aswell, all and euery patrone, donour, founder, and geuer of any of the saide premisses, or gyuen, donor, or feoffor, of any their landes, tenementes, possessions, or other hereditamentes, as all and euery persone and persones, bodies politique and corporate, whithe before the makyng of this acte, lawfully, without fraude, or couyn, had, or enioyed any maner of rente, or other perelye profites, to be taken, perceyued or had of any Chauntryes, Colleges, freechapelles, or other the

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premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed, to the kyng by this acte, or out of any manors, landes, tenemētes, or other possessions, of them, or any of theim shal haue and enioye thesame, in lyke maner and fourme, as they should, and ought to haue done, if the said colleges, chauntryes, frechapelles, and other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appointed to the kyng by this acte, had stil remained and continued in esse, and ful beyng: any thing in this acte mēcioned, to the contrary in anywise notwithstāding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any suche gouernour, ruler, wardeyn, master, incumbente, minister, or other, hauyng any of thesaide spirituall Promotions, or Incumbentes haue or shall compounde, for the fyrst fruictes of any suche Spirituall promotions, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, and the dayes of payment of any parte therof, not expired before the firste daye of this Parliament, that all summes of money so to be due and payable, sithens thesaid first day of this Parliament shall cease, and be not payed, asked, or demaunded: any bonde, recognisaunce, suretye, or other thyng, had or made, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all suche rentes, seruices, Issues, profites and other summes of money, payable, out, of or for any of the premisses, or any of theim, in the kynges courte of his exchequer, shall continue and be continually and yerely leuyed, charged, or payed, in thesame courte, in suche maner and fourme, as heretofore hath ben vsed: any law, custome, vnitie of possession in the kynges highnes, or other thynge to the contrary notwithstanding: And as though thesayd promotions, manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses had not come to the Kynges handes or possession.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery letters patentes, made by thesayd late kyng Henry the eyght, or by the kynges Maiestie that nowe is, or hereafter to be made by his highnes to any persone, or persones, or to any Archebishoppe, or Byshoppe, of any of thesayde colleges, chauntryes, frechapelles, or other the premisses, or any parte or parcell of theim, or of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, belongyng, or apperteynyng, or that did belong, or apperteyne to them, or to any of them: And all fines, giftes, grauntes, Feoffementes, recoueries, and all other assuraunces and conueighaunces therof had or made, by the assente, consente, or licence, vnder the great seale of Englande, of the sayde late Kyng Henry the. viii. or of the kynges Maiestie that now is, to any persone, or persones, bodies politique or corporate, by any chauntrye priest, master, wardeyn, minister, ruler, gouernour, or other hauyng any of thesayd promotions, of any of thesayde Colleges, Chauntryes, Frechappels, or other the premisses, or of any of them, or of any part, percell, or membre of thesame, shall stande and be in their forces, and effectes, and shalbe good

& effectual in the law, for ſuche eſtatutes and interreſtes, geuen graun-
ted, limited, or appointed, in any of the giftes, grauntes, aſſuraunces, or
conueighaunces therof had, or made, accordyng to their purpoſtes, for-
me and matter, and accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the-
ſame aſſuraunces, and ſhalbe by aucthoritie of this acte good, perfecte,
and auaylable, alwel againſt the kyng, his heires and ſucceſſours, as
againſt theſaid chauntrye prieſtes, Wardeyns, maſters, rulers, gouer-
nours, and other hauyng any of theſaid promotions, and their ſucceſ-
ſours, and the ſucceſſours of euery of them: as alſo againſte the foun-
dors, donors, and patrones of theſame, and the ordinary of them, and
euery of them, & the heires, & ſucceſſours of euery of them: any lawe, ſta-
tute, ordinaunce, or other thyng, to the contrary therof notwithſtading.

And where diuers and ſundrye Biſhoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons,
Treaſaurours, Prebendaries, chauntrie, prieſtes, maſters, prouoſtes,
rulers, gouernours, of any deaneries, Archedeaneries, Treaſaurour-
ſhyppes, prebendes, frechappels, chauntries, or colleges, within this
realme of England and other the kynges Mateſties dominions, or any
of the patrones, foundors, donors of any of the Biſhopriches, Trea-
ſaurourſhippes, deaneries, chauntries, frechappels, or other theſayde
ſpiritual promotions, of their voluntarie willes, or myndes, for diuers
good and reaſonable cauſes and conſiderations, by dede or dedes en-
rolled, or by other writinges, or conueighaunces heretofore geuen and
graunted to the late kyng of famous memory, Henry the viij. late king
of England, and to his heires, or to our ſouereigne lord the kynge that
now is, and to his heires, diuers of their deaneries, archedeaneries, trea-
ſaurourſhippes, prebendes, chappels, chauntryes, and colleges, or any
other eccleſiaſtical or ſperitual promotiõs, laſt before remembred: And
all, or ſome part of the manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, pentions,
annuities, rentes, reuertions, and other reuenues, hereditamentes, poſ-
ſeſſions, emolumẽtes and profites, to theſame Biſhopriches, deaneries,
archedeaconries, treaſaurourſhipes, prebendes, chappels, chauntryes,
colleges, and other like promotions, benefices, offices, and dignities, or
to any of them, belongyng, appertaynyng, vnited, or annexed, or whiche
theſayde Biſhoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons, Treaſourours, chauntrie
prieſtes, maſters, prouoſtes, rulers, gouernours, and other eccleſiaſti-
call or ſpiritual officers, or miniſters, or anye of the ſayde patrones, do-
nors, or foundors, or any of theim, had or enioyed in the righte, or be rea-
ſon of any of theſame promotions, offices, or dignities.

Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that all and euery giftes
and grauntes, heretofore made to theſaid late kyng, and to this heires,
or to our ſouereygne lorde the kyng that nowe is, and to his heires, by
any Archebiſhoppe, Biſhoppe, Deane, Archedeacon, Treaſaurour, pre-
bendarie, maſter, prouoſte, gouernour, or other the ſaid eccleſiaſticall or
ſpirituall perſone, or perſones, or by any patrones, donor, or foundor of

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any of the sayde Deaneries, chauntryes, or other of the sayd spirituall or ecclesiasticall promotions, or of all, or any of the manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, rentes, reuertions, pentions, portions, annuities, or other hereditamentes, reuenues, emolumentes, profites, or commodities, to any of the sayde benefices, offices, prebendes, promotions, or dignities belongyng, appertaynyng, vnited, or annexed, or whiche anye of thesame Archebishoppes Bishoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons, Treasaurours, Masters, Prouostes, Prebendaries, Rulers, gouernours, officers, or ministers, patrones, foundors, or donors, had, or enioyed, or haue, or enioye, or ought to haue, or enioye, in the righte, or by reason, or meanes of any of thesame promotions, offices, or dignities, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe, to all ententes and purposes: Sauyng, to all and euery person, and persones, and bodyes politique and corporate, their heires, successours, and assignes, and to the heyres, successours, and assignes of euery of the, other then the archebishops, bishoppes, deanes, archedeacons, treasaurours, prebendaries, rulers, gouernours, Wardeyns, prouostes, gouuours, and grauntours of any of the premisses, and their heires, successours, and assignes, and other then such ecclesiastical or spirituall persones, bodyes politique or corporate, as are, or pretende to be foundors, donors, patrones, or ordinaries of the premisses, or any of them, al such rightes, titles, interestes, claimes, entrees, rentes, reuertions, remaynders, fees, offices, annuities, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, profites, commodities, & emolumentes, as they or any of theim haue, or should, or ought to haue had, of, in, or to the premisses nexte aboue mencioned, or any part therof, as if this acte had neuer ben had, or made any thing in this acte, to the cõtrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, or any thyng therin conteined, shal not in any wyse extende, to make good or effectuall, any gyfte, graunte, bargayne, sale or alienation, made by anye persone, or Vicare of their personages, or vicareages, or of any parte or parcell therof, or of any thing, to theim, or any of theim belongingyng, or appertaynyng.

Prouided also, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extende, to hynder or preiudice George Brooke Knyghte, Lorde Cobham, his heires, or assignes, for, or concernyng the late College of Cobham, in the Countie of Kente, or the manours, landes, tenementes, or possessions thereof: Any thyng above mencioned to the contrarye, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that this presente acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extende, or be preiudicial, or hurtefull to the generall corporation of anye Citie, Borough, or Towne, within this realme, or any other the Kynges dominions, ne shall extende to any the landes or hereditamentes, of them, or any of them: any thing herein conteyned, to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd that al suche of the sayde colleges, frechappels, chauntryes, and other the premisses, beynge appointed and geuen to the Kynges highnes, by the aucthoritie of this acte, as be within the Duchie of Lancaster, and all manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, perteynyng, or belongyng to thesame colleges, frechappels, & chauntryes, shal after the said feast of Easter nexte commyng, be within the suruaye and order of the Courte, of the Duchie of Lancaster, in suche maner and fourme, as other the premisses be assigned, or appointed by aucthoritie of this acte, to be in the surueye and order of the courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of the Kynges Crowne, or other courte, by the Kyng to be assigned: And that all commissions, that hereafter shalbe awarded by vertue and force of this acte, concernyng suche colleges, frechappelles, chauntryes, and other the premisses, as be within the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe awarded vnder the great seale of England, and shalbe certified into thesame courte of the Duchie of Lancaster: any thyng abouesayde, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this acte ne any thynge therein conteyned, shall extende to the college, or chauntrye of Attilbourghe, in the Countie of Norfolke, whiche the said late Kyng Henry theighte, gaue to Robarte, late Earle of Sussex, and to his heires: But that Henry, now Earle of Sussex, sonne and heire to the sayde late Earle, his heires and assignes, shall, and maye, by the aucthoritie of this acte, haue and enioye the sayde college, & chauntrye, and al manours, landes, tenementes, aduousions, tithes, pentions, portions, and other hereditamentes thereunto belongyng, or apperteynyng: Any thyng in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwayes, and by the aucthoritie aforesayde be it enacted, that the Kynges Maiestie, at any time, when it shall seme to him good may geue aucthoritie to certaine his graces commissioners, to alter the nature & condition of al maner of obites, aswell within the vniuersities of Cambridge & Oxfourde, as in any other place, within this his graces Realme of England, & Wales, beyng not suppressed, ne adnihilate by vertue of this present acte, & thesame obites so altered, to dispose to a better vse: as to the reliefe of some poore men beyng studentes, or otherwise.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shal not be lefull to any person, or persones, bodyes politique or corporate, by reason of any remainder, vse, or condition, to enter into, claime, or chalenge any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, for the none doyng, not naming, or none finding of any such priest, or priestes, or poore folkes, as is aforesaide, Obite, anniuersarie, lighte, or lampe, from hensfurth to be founden or done: any thyng herein cõteyned, to the contrary

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in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extende to any landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer, that any master, deane, prebendarie, wardein, or chaunttie, or any stipendarie preist of any college, chauntrye, prebende, fraternitie, guilde, or any other corporations, haue, or helde, of any persone, or persones, by copie of court rolle, or at will, accordyng to the custome of any manour, or manours: nor geue or graunte anye copyholde landes, to the Kynges highnes.

And also prouided, that the Kynges highnes, his heires, or successours, shall not in any wyse haue holde, enioye, or take by vertue of this acte, or any article therein conteyned, anye maner of copiholde landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamētes whatsoeuer they be: But that all & euery of the said persons, & incumbentes, shal haue, holde, & enioye thesame, duryng their lifes, towardes their pention & yerely liuyng: payng the rentes, and doyng their customes and seruices, therof due and accustomed, any thyng in this acte, to the contrary notwithstandynge.

Prouided, that this acte shal not extende to any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, assigned, appointed, or intended for the fundyng, or maintenaunce of anye chauntrye prieste, or stipendarie preist, whiche by any former rights, & good title, without fraude or couyn, were lawfully recouered from the possession of any suche chauntrye prieste, or stipendarie prieste, before the firste daye of October, the sayde .xxxvii. yere of the reygne of thesayd late kyng Henry the .viii. whiche landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, were not charged, nor chargeable to the payment of the perpetuall Tenthe: Any thyng in this acte, to the contrary hereof notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler grauntes, licences, Confirmations, and letters patentes, whiche oure late souereygne lorde kyng Henry theyghte, or our souereygne lorde the Kyng that now is, haue made vnder the great seale of Englande to any person, or persons, bodyes politique or corporate, of any college, chappelle, or chauntrye, nowe beynge in esse, or standyng, or nowe not beyng in esse, or not standynge, or of any Lordships, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongynge or appertaynynge to any College, Chappell, or Chauntrye, nowe beynge in esse, or standynge, or nowe not beynge in esse, or not standyng, or of any other thyng, or thynges, mencioned, or expressed in thys acte: And all and euery matter and thynge mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any suche graunte, licence confirmation, or letters patentes, shall from henceforth be demed, taken, expounded, and adiudged good and effectuall in the lawe, accordynge to the woordes, sentences, meanynges, ententes, forme and effectes of thesame grauntes, licences, confirmations, and letters patentes, to all intentes,

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constructions, and purposes, as if this acte, and the sayd acte made in the saide in xxxvii. yere of the sayde late kyng Henry the. viii. had neuer ben had nor made. And that this acte, or the sayde acte made in the sayde. xxxvii. yere of the the reygne of our sayde late souereygne lorde kyng Henry the. viii. or any clause, article, sentence, or other thing therein conteyned, shal not extende to any Colleges, Chappels, Chauntries, or other thynge or thynges, mencioned in this acte, nowe beyng in esse, or standyng, or now not beyng esse, or not standing, or to any manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, reuenues, or hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongyng or appertenynyng to any college, chappel, chauntrye, or other thyng mencioned in this acte, nowe beyng in esse, or standinge or nowe not beynge in esse, or not standyng, or to any other thynge, or thinges, mencioned or expressed in this acte: whiche any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, haue had, or obteyned by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters patentes, of the sayd late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that nowe is: Nor shall extende to any manours, landes, tenementes, reuenues, possessions, hereditamentes, or other thyng or thynges, mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any suche licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters patentes: But that euery suche persone and persones, bodyes politique and corporate, their heires and successours, and assignes, and the heires, successours, and assignes of euery of them, shall haue, holde, and enioye, all and euery thesame colleges, chappelles, chauntryes, manours, landes, tenementes, reuenues, possessions, and hereditamentes, and all and euery other thynge and thynges whatsoeuer, so by them had or obteyned, by the assente, licence, confirmation, graunte, or lettets patentes of the sayde late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that nowe is, accordyng to the woordes, sentences, forme, effecte, meanyng and intente of thesame licences, confirmations, grauntes, and letters patentes: this acte, or the sayde acte made in the sayde xxxvii. yere of the reygne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, or any clause, article, sentence, matter, or thyng, mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any of thesame actes, to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstandynge.

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AN ACTE CONCERNING THE KINGES MOST GRATIOVS GENERALL PARDON.

(The.xv.Chapiter.

The Kynges moost royall Maiestie, right wel perceauyng his louyng subiectes, by many and sundry wales and meanes, to haue borne and sustened the great aduentures, charges and bulynes of warres, and defences of this his Realme, aswell in the tyme of his moost dere father kyng Henry the viii. as in his time& reigne, entendyng of his clemency and pitie, to gratifie his sayd subiectes, with his gracious free and liberall Pardon, accordyng to his kyngly power, trusting assuredly that his sayde subiectes wil continue his louing and assured obedient subiectes, and hereafter in suche sorte obeye his highnes lawes and statutes, as to them, and euery of them, of right appertayneth: is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, in maner & forme folowyng, that is to saye, that all and euery of his sayd subiectes, aswell spirituall as temporall, of this his Realme of Englād, Wales, the Iles of Jerneley and Garneley, Barwyck, Caleys, Guysnes, Hammes, Bolleyn & Bollonoys, & the marches of thesame, the heires successors, executors & administrators of thē, and euery of theim, and all & singuler bodyes, in any maner of wise corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Riddynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Typthynges, and euery of thē, and the successor, and successors of euery of them, shalbe, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, acquyted, pardoned, released and discharged againste the Kynges highnes, his heires, successors, and executors, and euery of them, of all maner of treasons, heresyes, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, trespasses, wronges, deceiptes, mysdemeanours, forfaictures, penalties, & profites, summes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and al other thinges, causes, quereles, sutes, iudgementes and executions, whiche maye be, or can be, by his highnes in any wyse, or by any meane pardoned, before, and vnto the xxv. day of December, in the yere of oure lord God a.M.CCCCC. xlvij. Other then suche as hereaftes in this acte be excepted of forprised, in suche maner and forme, & vnto suche tymes as they be excepted or forprised in this acte: and other then suche as the clauses or proviso, hereafter mencioned, doeth extende vnto. And also the kynges highnes, is further contented and pleased, that it be enacted, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that this his sayde free Pardon, shalbe as good and effectual in the law, to euery of his said subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of them, by the sayde general wordes before rehersed, in all thinges, which be not

be not hereafter in this present acte, excepted or forprised, as thesame Pardon shoulde haue bene, if all offences, contẽptes, forfeytures, causes, matters, sutes, querelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and al other thinges not hereafter excepted, nor cõteyned in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned, had bene perticulerly, singulerly, specially, & plainly named, rehersed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names in their kyndes, natures and qualities, by wordes and termes therunto requisite, to haue bene put in, and expressed in this present acte of fre pardon: and that his sayd subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heires, executors, or administrators, of any of them nor any of thesaide bodyes corporate, nor any other persones, bodyes pollitique, or corporate before named, or any of thẽ, be, nor shalbe sued, vexed or inquieted in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattalles, for any maner matter, cause, contempt, misdemeamor, forfeiture, trespasse, offence or any other thynge, suffred, done or committed against his highnes, his crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or statutes, but onely for suche matters, causes and offences, as be rehersed in the exceptions and clauses of *prouiso*, in this present acte hereafter mencioned, in suche maner aud forme, as in thesame exceptions and clauses of *prouiso* be mencioned, and for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses, or president heretofore had, made or vsed, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Also the kynges highnes, of his bounteous liberalite, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, graunteth and frely geueth, to euery of his sayde subiectes, and to euery of the saide bodyes corporate and other before rehersed, and to euery of them, all suche gooddes, cattalles, debtes, fynes, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfeitures, and summes of money, by any of them forfeited, whiche to his highnes, do, or should belong or apperteyne, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, misdemeanor, matter, cause or querel, suffered, done, or committed by them, or any of them, which be not hereafter forprised, or excepted in this present acte. And that all and euery the kynges saide subiectes, and all and singuler bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed, may by hym or them selfe, or by his or their deputie, or deputies, or by his or their attorney, or attorneys, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, pleade and minister this present acte of fre pardon, for his or their discharge, of, and for euery thyng, that is by vertu of this present acte pardoned, discharged, geuen or graunted, without any fee or other thyng, in any wise paiynge to any persone, or persones, for writyng or entry of the iudgement, or other cause concernyng suche plea, writyng or entrie, but only .xij.d. to be payd to the officer or clerke, that shall entre the plea, matter or iudgement, for the discharge of any the partie so pleadyng thesame: any statute or vse, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And furthermore, the kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that it be

it be enacted by the auctthoritie of this present parliament, that his sayd free pardon, by the general wordes before rehersed, shalbe reputed, demed and adiudged, allowed and taken, in all maner of courtes, and els where, aswell in the wordes and clauses of excepcions & foreprises specified in this present acte, as in all and singuler other clauses, woordes and sentences, mencioned and rehersed in this his said fre pardon, most benficially and auayleably, to all and singuler his sayde subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of them, in all thinges ambiguous or doubtefull, and moste strongely in Barre, and discharge against his highnes, his heires, successors and executours in euery thinge, without any obstacle, chalenge or other delay, whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleded, obiected, or alleged by the kynge our soueraigne lord, his heires, successors, or executors, or by his, or any of their generall attorney, or attorneys, or by any persone, or persones, for his highnes, or any of his heires, successors or executors.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, by auctthoritie of this present parliament, that if any officer or clerke, of any of his highnes courtes, commonly called the kynges Benthe, chauncery and common place, or of his exchequer, or any other officer or clerke of any other courte, within this realme or in Wales, or other the kynges dominions aboue mencioned, at any time, after the .xx. daye of January nexte commyng, which shalbe in the yere of oure lord God, a M. CCCCC.xlvii. make out, or write out any maner writtes, or other processe, or any extractes, sommons or other preceptes, whereby any of the said subiectes, or any of the said bodies corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, sommoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted or greued in his or their bodyes, landes, tenementes, gooddes, or cattalles, or in any of them, for, or because of any maner of thyng pardoned or discharged, by vertue of this acte of fre pardon, he so offendyng, and therof lefully condempned, shal yelde and pay for the recompence therof, to the partie so greued or offended treble dammages, to be accompted, as percel of the dammages and costes of the sute: and neuerthelesse, all and singuler suche writtes, processe, extractes and preceptes so to be made, for, or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by this present acte of fre pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and forprised out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner of high treasons, petit treason, and misprision of treason, done, committed, or perpetrated, in any of the partes beyonde the sea, and al and all maner of treason, done, or committed in any other place, by anye persone, or persones, by any ouert dede, whereby any bodely hurt or harme shall come, or be done to the kynges onely persone, and all sutes, punishmentes, executions, forfaitures and penalties, for, or by reason, or occasion of any of the same treasons, before excepted

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And excepted all prepensed and voluntary murders, and also except al titles of accions, of quare impedit, all rauishmentes, and withholding of the kynges wardes and wardes landes, and the profites of thesame, at any time growen to the kynges handes, or to any of his noble progenitors, and not yet discharged, all wastes of the kynges woddes, aswel in parkes, forestes, chases, & els where: & all summes of money graunted or promised to be payed, by waye or meane of beneuolence, or contribucion not payed & contented: and all & singuler debtes, other then debtes growen vpon recognisaunces, being already forfaicted for suerty of the peace, good abearyng, or for none apparaunce at any day or place. And excepted and forprised out of this pardon, all maner of accomptes, and all accions, sutes and impetitions for thesame, and all arrerages of accomptes and debtes, due for thesame. And also, excepted all homages, lyueris & reliefes, rentes, seruices and arrerages of thesame, not done or not paied. And also excepted all debtes, whiche were due to the kynges highnes, or to the sayd late kyng of famous memory, kyng Henry the viii. or to the late kyng Henry the. vii. or to any person, or persons, to the vse of the kyng our souereine lord, or of his sayd father, or kyng Henry the. vii. by any condempnacion, recognisaunce, obligacion, or otherwise. And also, excepted all and singuler forfaitures, beyng due to our souereigne lorde the kyng, or to thesayd late kyng, by any penall statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of debte, by iudgement, or by agrement of the offendor, and all forfaictures, and other penalties, & profites, growen, or due by reason of any offence, or acte, committed, or done, contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common law wherof any seasure is made, or any information is geuen in the kynges Exchequer, or any sute there commenced, and nowe dependyng, and not yet determined: Or wherof the kynges highnes, or his sayd father, by byl assigned, or otherwise, haue made any gift or assignement, to any of the seruauntes, of our said souereigne lord the kyng, or of his sayde father or to any other persone, or persones.

Also, except and forprised out of this fre pardon, all and all maner of forgyng, counterfeytyng, washing and clippyng of whatsoeuer money or coyne, currant in this realme, and the bringyng into this realme, of any false or counterfeit money or coyne, made, forged or counterfeit out of this realme, and the vtteryng of any suche false, or counterfeit money or coyne, had, made, done, or perpetrated sithen the. xxvii. day of January last past, and all and all maner of offences, impeticions, punishmentes, forfeitures, peynes of death, iudgementes & execution for thesame. And also, except and forprised out of this fre Pardon, all and singuler fynes to be had, made or payed, by reason or meane of any alienacion, had or made of any manors, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes without licēce, sithen the said xxvii. day of January. Also, except and forprised out of this fre pardon, all and all maner of Manslaughters,

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burgularies, robberies, of any persone or persones, in any house, or nere any high ware, and wilfull burnyng of houses, and wilfull burnyng of barnes, in whiche barnes any corne was, at the tyme of suche burnyng: and all maner of rauishmentes of any woman, against her will, all felonies takyng of any money or goodes, out of any churche or chapell, al and all maner of felonies takyng of any horse, geldyng, or mare, and all maner of piracies and offences vpon the sea, had, doen, committed or perpetrated, sithe the first date of August last past: and all maner of punishmentes, impeticions, forfeitures, peines of death, iudgementes, and executions for the same. And except and forprised, out of this free pardō, all, and all maner of intrusions, had, made, or doen, sithen the said xxbii. date of January last past. And except and forprised, out of this free pardon, all and all maner of deceiptes and offences, of all and singuler moneyers, and other officers, ministers and worke men, of, or in any of the Mintes within this realme, and all impetitions and punishmentes for the same. And except and forprised, out of this free pardon, all and all maner of decaying of any messuage, cotage or house, and the conuertyng of landes, from tillage vnto pasture, contrary to any statute, heretofore had or made. And except and forprised the issues, reuenues and profites, of all and singuler suche messuages, cotages, houses, and landes, commyng, arisyng, or growyng, sithen the said. xxbii. date of January last past. And except and forprised, out of this free pardon, all and singuler collectors, and collectes, of any subsidy, fiftene, benevolente, or contribucton, and other persones whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaunt, and the heires, executours and administratours, of euery of them, of, for, and concernyng all maner of debtes, accomptes and arrerages of accomptes, and all maner of cancelementes, of customes and subsidies, and all maner of impetitions, and sutes for the same. And except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and singuler persones and persone, beyng the second date of December, in the yere our lorde God. M. D. xl bij. prisoners or prisoner, in the Toure of London, and all and singuler persones and persone, whiche at any time, before the second date of December, did flie out of this realme, into the parties beyond the sea, for any treason, or misprision of treason. And except and forprised, out of this free pardon, all issues, fines and amerciamentes affered, tared, set, extracted, or entred seuerally or perticularly, extendyng to the some of an. C. shillynges, or aboue. And that all and singuler other fines, aswell fines pro licentia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, aswell real as other, whiche seuerally or particularly, extend not to the same some of. C. ℔. whether thei bee totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the Shiriek, or not taken to his charge, extracted, or not extracted, whether thei be turned into debte, or not into debte, and not beyng leuied, nor receiued by any shiriek, or shiriefes, bailife, ministers, or other officers, shalbe fully, clerely and plainly pardoned, and discharged against the kyng

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our souereigne Lorde, his heires and successors for euer, by this present act of free pardon.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that in case it be obiected, to, or against any shirief or shirifes, or other accomptauntes in the kynges courte of Eschequer, or in any other his courtes, that any shirief or shirifes, other then officers accomptaunt, haue receiued or taken any suche fines, issues, or amerciamentes, by this present act pardoned and acquited: that then euery suche shirief and shirifes, and other accomptauntes shalbe discharged, released, pardoned and acquited therof, by his or their othe, without any further triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alwaie, that this present act of free pardon, nor any thyng therein conteined, in any wise extende to discharge, remit or acquite, any persone and persones, for any suche issues, fines or amerciamentes, of c. s. or vnder, as any shirief heretofore haue accompted, before the barons of the kynges Eschequer, or els where, and paied the same issues, fines, and amerciamentes, vpon his or their saied accompt, determined to the kynges vse, and hath his or their quietus est, for the same.

Prouided alwaie, and bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery persone and persones, whiche haue tended, or ought to sue liuery, out of the kynges handes, of any manours landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whatsoeuer, thei bee, shall sue his or their liuery and liueries, out of the kynges handes, of his or their manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes: any article, act or actes, thyng or thynges, in this present acte of generall and free pardon, comprised and specified, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbee lefull, to all and euery clerke, and other officer of any of the kynges courtes, to award and make writtes of Capias ex lagarum, at the sute of the partie pleintife, to thintent to compel the defendaunt and defendauntes, to make answere to the pleintife, at whose sute he was outlawed. And that euery persone, now beeyng outlawed, shall sue a writte of Scire facias, against the partie or parties, at whose sute he was outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe, shalbee allowed to hym, that so is outlawed.

¶ God saue the kyng.

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